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To
MY SISTER,

whose radiant life and gentle ministry have made
our home a Wayside Inn for many of our Lord's
needy and happy pilgrims.

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for
thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

Hebrews 13: 10.



Chapter 1.

Home and Early Training

“Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord.”

Mr. Tse Zeh Tsao was born in Chekiang Province, China, in the year 1838. It was not his privilege to be born into a Christian home, but his parents seemed not to have shared the strong prejudice against the “foreign religion”, which was prevalent among most of the people of China in that day.

He was taught, as most Chinese boys of the middle class were then taught, by a tutor, who usually served a group of neighbors together. The girls were deemed incapable of receiving an education, and were also quite unworthy of the privilege; for in China, as in all lands where our Christ is not known, womanhood is degraded, and the birth of a girl is an unhappy event in many homes.

The boys must first learn the one hundred proper names of China, which must be known by every man in the land; later they study Chinese history and Chinese ethics, contained mostly in voluminous writings of their two greatest men, Confucius and Mencius. They teach admirable ethics, too, in many respects, but alas! they give to the student no power for living the doctrines taught. Such power belongs only to the living

God of all the earth, who created the heaven and the earth, and who provided a salvation also for all people, through the atoning sacrifice on the cross of His well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ; who rose from the dead, and is able to empower His blood-bought children by faith to live holy lives, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

In those days the hours for study were practically from sunrise to sunset, with two meals daily, and with no consideration for the need of physical development, and none for any form of recreation. Indeed, the dreadful custom of binding the feet of all girls, usually between the ages of two and three, brought so much suffering, and groaning, and crying, and even death, into the homes, that the atmosphere could not be conducive to play. The awful fear of demons, also, early inculcated in every little heart, gave the children solemnity of outlook. God's Word says "Fear hath torment", and it shows in the faces of the Chinese very clearly, while they are still in ignorance of the truth.

Young Tsao of Chekiang grew up in this atmosphere, but at the age of twelve, having mastered the Chinese studies required at home for his age, was sent to the Methodist Mission School in Shanghai. Living had come to be fraught with much danger in his home village because of the fierce fighting being waged all through this province, and through many others during the Tai Ping rebellion of 1850. It may have been these dangers which led his parents to send the lad to a foreign school in the early days; for even then foreigners had a certain protection from their home governments, and the students under their care shared the protection.



A school girl in China

Whatever the immediate occasion for sending the lad to a mission school, we are quite sure that the blessed Holy Spirit had a large part in it, since this lad was clearly called and chosen of God to a large ministry in His name among his fellow countrymen. This plan of the Heavenly Father evidently reached forward also to the next generation, including the children that should be born and trained in the fear of the Lord, in the Christian home later established by this lad.

The Rev. Walter Lambuth of the Southern Methodist Church, was in charge of the school to which young Tsao was sent in Shanghai. He was a man of large heart and of loving spirit, faithful to his risen Lord, by whom he had been called to be a "worker together with Himself" in central China. Through his gracious ministry the lad from Chekiang came to know the Lord Jesus Christ, as his Saviour, and his young heart early yearned to be one of his Lord's good soldiers.

Mr. Lambuth evidently watched his Christian growth with deep interest, and recognized that God had spoken to him in a special way. Mr. Lambuth was called home when Tsao was fourteen years of age, and he took with him this thoughtful boy, and placed him in an excellent school in Macon, Georgia. He had not completed his education in this school before the Civil War broke out in our land. He very naturally took his place in the Southern army, and was enlisted under General Lee. His life was spared and his body preserved through the entire period of bitter warfare. When he left the army he became an apprentice in a Macon printing shop, where he learned a self-supporting trade, by which he was able to continue his studies.

During his apprenticeship he attended a Foreign Mission Conference, and was greatly impressed by what he heard. He then and there pledged himself for Christian work in China, and set about to prepare himself to be an efficient herald of the Gospel message to his fellow countrymen. He succeeded in securing a practical education in both medical science and theology before he returned to his native land.

Upon reaching China he found that it would be necessary to relearn his native tongue. He was soon married to the sister of Rev. Y. K. Yen, a pastor of the Episcopal Mission in Shanghai. Miss Yen was a zealous Christian, had been educated, and was a student of God's Word; so that she was a valuable help meet to the young doctor and preacher, and willing to share his trials as well as his joys.

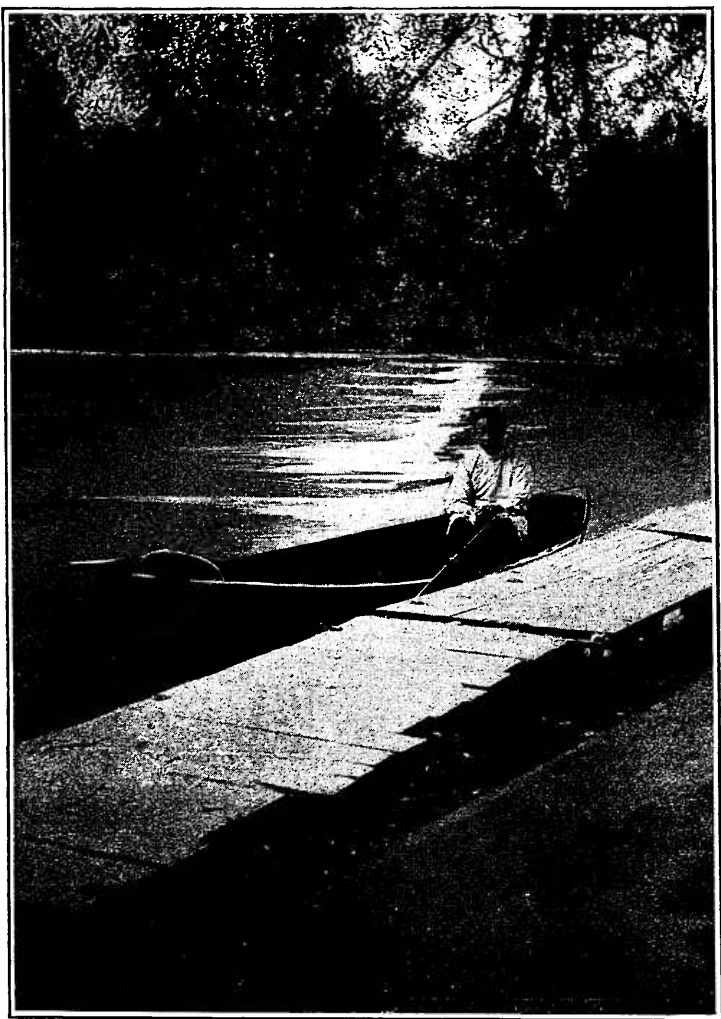
The young couple left Shanghai and settled in Soochow, a city reached now in a few hours, but then a journey of two or more days was required. Here they established a new church, of which Mr. Tsao was pastor, while he also labored for the healing of body among both the poor and the rich for many years. Here six children were born to them, two girls and four boys; the eldest and the youngest were girls, and the latter, Li Yui Tsao, was much beloved and petted in the large family circle. Theirs was a true Christian home, in which the Lord Jesus was held to be the Head, and the rightful Lord, and where the children were taught obedience, truthfulness, reverence and mutual love and consideration for each other.

The father was very insistent upon obedience to every definite command. His youngest daugh-

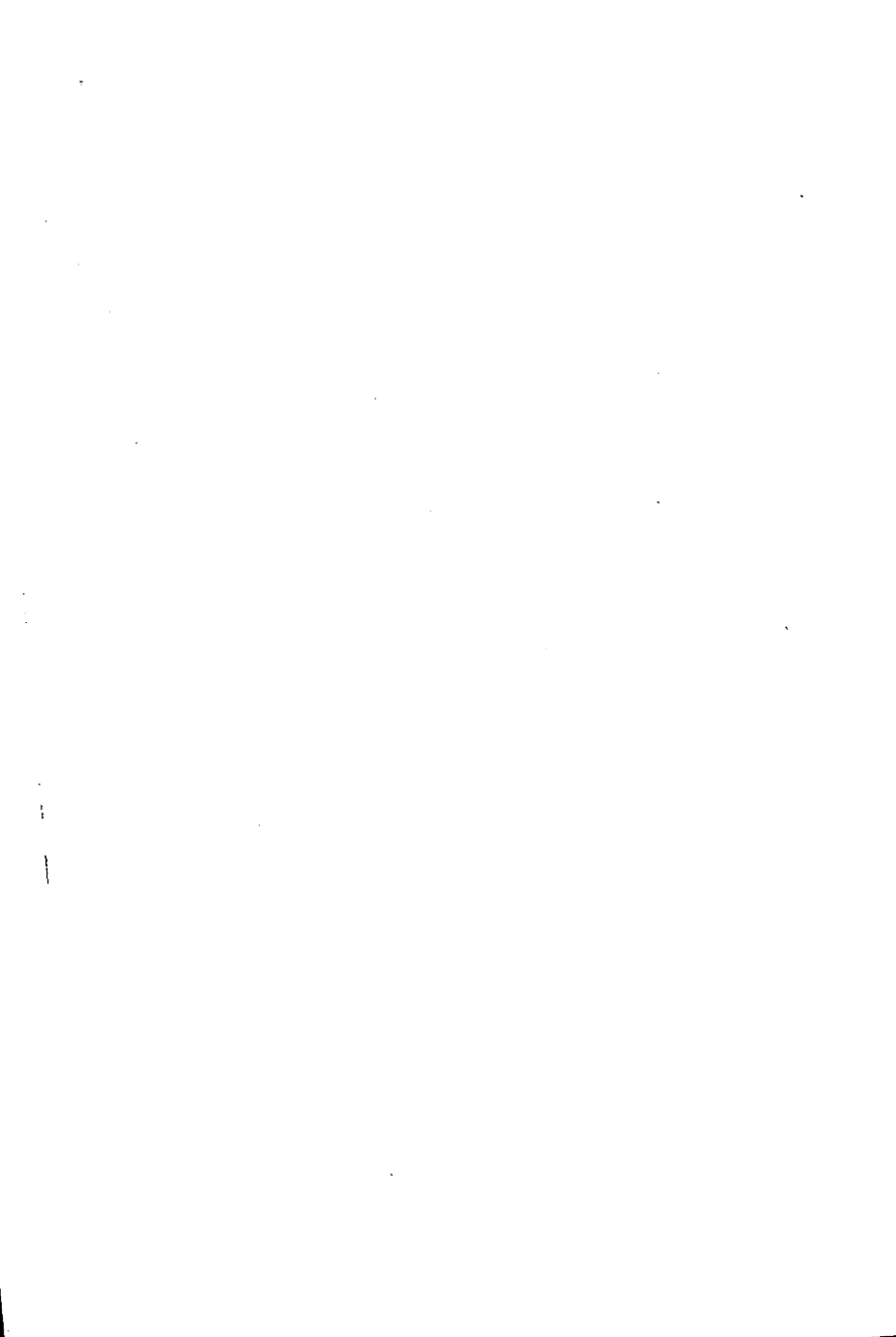
ter told an interesting story illustrating this characteristic. When two brothers had reached the age when silk gowns were appropriate for them on certain occasions, the kind father economized extremely himself, in order to secure them for the boys. When he presented the gowns he expressed his pleasure in giving them, made clear to them the only occasions upon which they should be worn, and with equal emphasis forbade their use on any other occasion whatsoever. All went well for a time, but at last a great temptation met them; both yielded to it, taking every precaution that the father should neither see them nor hear of the occurrence. The father did hear, as all fathers do in some mysterious way, and he called them to account. He talked at length with them of the sin of disobedience, and of its awful consequences, as is plainly pictured more than once in God's Word. Then he took the gowns from them, and assured them that they would have no silk to wear until they were able to buy it for themselves, and to wear it on proper occasions.

The youngest sister, although greatly beloved of all, with a sunny disposition, and with an early love for the Lord Jesus, was none the less carefully disciplined, in common with the other five children. She was always grateful to her parents for such early training, since it prepares one for later giving God, the Heavenly Father, His rightful sovereignty in one's life. Would that all Christian parents might appreciate their responsibilities toward their children in this respect! There would be much less of lawlessness, and of consequent suffering and sorrow. In this Chinese home the parents sought thorough Christian education equally for sons and daughters. With the exception of one son, who did not care for it,

all of the children had good Chinese opportunities at home, and later were given longer or shorter periods of study in the United States. The eldest brother has for many years been secretary of the Chinese Y. M. C. A. in Shanghai. One brother was in official life, and was a prominent railroad director for years. Another brother earned a Ph. D. in Yale University, and has been in foreign diplomatic service ever since. The older daughter was, for a few years in early life, in a Methodist school for girls in Missouri, preparing to teach. After teaching in China for many years with much success and blessing, she later had two years in Columbia University, in preparation for more responsible positions at home.



A college student in U. S.



Chapter II.

Dr. Tsao's Education

"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye."

Li Yuin Tsao was educated first in Soochow Mission Schools, living in her own home; then she spent several years in the well known McTyiere School of Shanghai. Later she studied for about three years in a Mission School of Nagasaki, Japan; then returned to McTyiere for teaching and further study. McTyiere was a school of high standing, which has educated many Chinese girls, who are now prominent in Christian and educational work throughout China. It was presided over for many years by Miss Helen Richardson of St. Louis, who was a woman of high culture, and was also very conscious that without spiritual culture, and a real knowledge of Jesus Christ as Saviour, no girl could be counted upon to stand in the home and social atmosphere, which would later surround her. Miss Richardson often spoke of Li Yuin Tsao's high standing as a student, and of her strong Christian influence in the school, among all classes of students. She was ever keeping before her the high calling in Christ Jesus, which was her birthright.

As a child, Li Yuin had been deeply interested in her father's medical work, was sympathetic with the sick, and concerned about all who were in need of the physical comforts of life. She thought, even in her early years, that she would like to be able to help folk, as her father did.

She often talked with her sister and brothers about wishing that she might be a doctor, too, as her father came home in the evenings to tell of some fresh cases of suffering, which had come to secure his help. Later in life she frequently asked the Lord to open the way for her to study medicine, although it seemed a forlorn hope after her dear father left them to be with his Lord in glory. "But God" is not limited by circumstances and conditions, and He is a hearer and an answerer of prayer. Even while a young girl in China was asking Him to open the way for her, God was working in the hearts of two of His children across the Pacific Ocean, preparing them to carry out His purposes in the life of His chosen one.

In 1889 Mr. Hudson Taylor, founder of the China Inland Mission, passed through St. Louis, on his way to China with some fellow workers, and held meetings in the Presbyterian Church of which Dr. James H. Brookes was the pastor. No Christian could listen to the quiet talks of that Spirit-filled man without being either deeply interested in foreign mission work, or losing close fellowship with the Lord, because of disobedience to the heavenly vision. So clearly did Mr. Taylor set before his audience God's plain commission to each believer to spread the Good News about His so great salvation, prepared for the whole world, and so marvelous were his stories of the awful need in China, and of the simple, strong faith of many Chinese who had accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour, and of the joy it brought into their sad lives, that one's heart was stirred with a great yearning to have a share in making Him known in pagan lands.

A medical woman in St. Louis had this vision

given her, and began for the first time to really pray for work in foreign lands. As the years passed by, God sent other Bible teachers and foreign missionaries to St. Louis, and often she would ask for light about God's plan for her life. In 1902 or 1903 Dr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor were in St. Louis, and in personal conversation with them it was found that there was a large opportunity for the doctor and her sister in the China Inland Mission, should all conditions be found satisfactory, after due examination under the Council. Thereafter, more definite prayer for guidance was offered, and the two sisters were able to commit the whole matter to the Lord. In 1904 a World's Fair was held in St. Louis, which brought to St. Louis Christians a wonderful opportunity for doing foreign mission work at home. As one experienced the joy of seeing Chinese, Japanese and Filipino men receive the Glad Tidings of Great Joy, after a short time of teaching God's plan of saving folk, so clearly given in His Word, one felt the strong lure of greater work in the native lands of these people. The Holy Spirit seemed to lead slowly, but definitely, to the decision to offer one's self to the Mission.

Accordingly, in the fall of 1904 the elder sister presented herself to the Mission Council for examination. The medical examination found an old heart lesion, which was considered of sufficient importance to question the wisdom of carrying it into the Chinese climate. However, it was suggested, that it might be worth while to test the climatic influence by a few months' trial of the most favorable parts of the country. After further prayer for guidance, the sisters were led to take a trip to the Orient, to see for themselves the working of the Mission on the field; to know

at first hand, some of the Chinese saints, whose lives had proven such an inspiration to the missionaries of the China Inland Mission, and to test the effect of the climate upon the heart of the one.

Thus it was brought about that, after making it plain to His children that he had not called them to work in China, He led them to consider the education of a Chinese Christian girl, for medical work among her own people, as their substitute. Upon making inquiry among the many Christian workers in Shanghai, it was found that no other girl than the praying young teacher and student, Li Yui Tsao, was suggested as the most promising person for their consideration. "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose." "We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God nath before ordained that we should walk in them." They were mistaken as to the nature of the work God had for them in China, but He made no mistake in taking them there, and in leading them into the wonderful joy and privilege of helping this beautiful soul, whom He had been preparing for a great work among her people, in her preparation for part of that work.

As is usual in such circumstances, when God is putting through a plan which shall count much for Himself, Satan does all in his power to hinder. He tried to hinder by making it seem impossible to the young student, and to her family, to change plans entered upon before the opportunity for medical study had presented itself. Miss Tsao was eager to lose no time in taking advantage of the coveted open door to the medical education, but had made arrangements to teach for the year, and felt that she could not honorably withdraw,

without supplying a substitute who would be acceptable. "But God", who alone "doeth wondrous things", undertook in her behalf, and within three months, and in good time, He provided for an honorable release from the engagement, and for the full consent of the family to her absence from home for the necessary period of time, which had been estimated at six years. The dear mother was still living, and would greatly miss the companionship and the daily personal attentions of her younger daughter; but as they prayed together over it all, she found joy in recognizing God's hand in the provision for her daughter. And "for the joy that was set before her", she gladly made the sacrifice, "looking unto Jesus" for grace sufficient to meet the sorrow of the long separation.

Miss Tsao was not able to complete her preparation for a prolonged foreign residence in time to join her new friends on the voyage across the Pacific. But she did find suitable missionaries returning on furlough, willing to take good care of her and see her safely on her journey to the United States. She reached her new home in St. Louis in November and found a warm welcome awaiting her there. From that day the Lord gave His handmaidens the privilege of watching the growth of one of the most beautiful Christian souls, which He has ever set apart for Himself in definite service, from any land or people. She was attractive, with bright face, keen mind and open heart, easily adapting herself to American ways and American home life. She was eager to learn as much as possible in every line of work presenting; ready to share family duties and privileges without hesitancy, and especially alert in Bible study, in family prayer, and in talks about

the Word of God which had been read or heard the same day. Friends and relatives who had had secret fears about the wisdom of bringing an Oriental girl into an American family circle, soon lost their fears, and fell under the charm of her strong personality.

In China labor was so very cheap at that time, that it would have been foolish for a brain worker or a busy mother to do any of the actual manual work of the family; so that Miss Tsao had never been trained to do any such work, considering it altogether the work of coolies. She was mystified by the active participation of the sister who was the home maker, in the real work of the house, such as bed-making, dusting furniture, and mending linen and clothing. She could not understand the easy, informal relations between a mistress and her maids; so she frankly asked about it all. After she had been told that labor with us was expensive, that we could not afford the number of servants used in Chinese households; and that we regarded our good girls from the country as our fellow Christians, who were here to help us keep the home clean and happy, and to provide suitable food for the family, and therefore treated them as part of the family circle, and tried to assure their happiness, this pleased her. She at once entered into the spirit of it, and gladly took her share in keeping the home happy.

On examination, it was found that Miss Tsao had received more than the equivalent of a high school course, in the Far East, so that she took during the first year, some special work, preparatory to medical study, in a school for young women in St. Louis. During this year she preferred to attend church with her new family, rather than to go alone to a church of her home denomination.

The church had for a pastor at that time, a man who was greatly gifted as a teacher of the Word. From the first, she drank in his teachings eagerly, and came home to talk it over, and to study her Bible on the subjects presented, and to ask many questions. In the following spring a well-known Bible teacher came to the city, and taught in a large, rented hall one or two evenings a week, largely covering Paul's epistles, but taking in a wide range of Scriptures, of both Old and New Testaments.

Miss Tsao was faithful in her school work, eager to waste no opportunity for acquiring the best possible foundation for her medical studies. But with it all she gave her Friday evenings to the Bible course, and followed each lesson with prayerful searching of the Word. It is recalled that once, after a very forceful presentation of God's love to us as individuals, as presented in John's Gospel, and of our assurance by reason of it, as presented in Ephesians, she told her friends that she had been too happy to sleep after hearing it. Her heart had been stirred in considering the wonders of God's love to herself, whom she knew to be so unworthy. She became a real student of God's Word, never tiring in her zeal to know more and more of His grace to us; she became "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth".

She realized that although she had believed and loved the Lord Jesus for many years, she had not known enough of His grace to truly enjoy peace of mind and heart, but had been under a constant strain to keep the Sabbath perfectly, and to obey all the laws, in order to please God. She was a legalist, unconsciously failing to recognize the finished work of Christ on the cross,

which put an end to all of man's doing, and called upon man to accept God's perfect righteousness by faith, as a gift secured to every believer by the substitutionary death of the God-man, Christ Jesus, on the cross, and His resurrection from the dead. The privilege of now and here sharing with Christ a new resurrection life was to her so marvelous, so overwhelming, that her whole being was transported with joy in Himself, and she was led to say as Paul said after his vision, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Yes, and like Paul, she "was not disobedient to the heavenly vision". She gave herself unreservedly into His keeping, to be led where He would, and to be spent to the last breath in His service, and for His glory.

During the year 1907, on account of serious illness in her adopted family, it became necessary to close the home, so that the family might be away for many months. The young Chinese girl was obliged to live in the school she was attending, and later to spend her summer in the same place. It was a real trial of faith, inasmuch as she loved her home atmosphere, and found it hard to live under rules and regulations all the day. She found no sympathetic ear into which she could pour out her new Christian joy, and no congenial heart to whom she could talk freely of her precious Lord. But she had fellowship with Himself, and began to exercise her privilege of prayer with new power. God used this experience to make her more sensitive to the needs of other hearts, and more eager to share with those who seemed friendless and heart-hungry, her own joy in Christ Jesus.

During this year also, through the Bible class, she entered into a knowledge of the blessed hope

of the second coming of our Lord, in His resurrection body, in the clouds, to catch up His saints from the earth and from the graves, to be forever with Himself. This blessed hope became to her, as to many another, the inspiration to greater effort to make His salvation known, as far as she could reach, that His coming might be hastened. For His body, the true Church, must be completed before He shall come; and we know not at what hour the Gospel shall have been given for a witness to all peoples.

In the fall of 1907, Miss Tsao entered the Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia, whose halls have received many Christian women from the foreign mission fields, who came to make themselves more fruitful workers among their own needy peoples. From her first year, Miss Tsao proved an intelligent and earnest student. The early training of the Chinese children, having to study surrounded by so much noise, gives them a power of concentration in many cases unequalled by most of us, who are carefully guarded from disturbing elements. She found herself surrounded by congenial friends, entered into all the interests of college life, and was discovered to have the gift of leadership, before the first year closed. In her last two years she held office in the college Y. W. C. A.; was the chairman in her last year. During this time of her study, she allowed herself time enough for out-of-door walking in order to maintain her physical fitness, but she had no inclination for the light evening entertainments which consume so much time in the lives of most of our college students. She was also careful in her expenditures, keenly appreciative of every provision made for her comfort and happiness. Never but once did she overstep her al-

lowance, and this experience revealed another beautiful evidence of God's abounding grace in her heart.

In early December she wrote to her American home that her raincoat was much worn, and that she had seen one in a shop for between fifteen and twenty dollars, which suited her well; she asked if she might have that sum for its purchase, in addition to her regular allowance. In reply, one of them wrote, that December brought many extra expenses with it, and that it would be much more convenient to send the extra amount in January. It was agreed that she must have the new raincoat, but it was hoped that the old one might be used for the intervening weeks. She wrote thanking them for the promise to send the sum in January, but added, she had bought the coat with money borrowed from a willing classmate, and would repay it when the January check should come. This was a very natural thing for any girl to do, but as she was preparing for a great work in China, where she would constantly find urgent need for many articles in equipment, for which she would have long to wait, her friends felt that they must help her to realize the importance of awaiting God's time for such provision as He saw to be needful. So, rather regretfully, one wrote that she was glad that she had the coat, and that a friend had been so willing to help her out, but that it would be well for her in the future to train herself to await God's time for providing such needs. It was explained, that in China she would have much need of patience and of cheerful waiting for needs far greater than anything she could have in this country. Her reply was most precious. She wrote that she did thank her home people heartily for caring enough for her to write

as they did, opening her eyes to the sin of running ahead of God in her purchase. She hoped she would be given grace not to fail God in such ways in China; she wanted to be in His will.

During her first year in college she met a young Porto Rican woman, who was well educated and was taking the full medical course, with the purpose of practicing her profession among her own people. She was intellectually bright, and had great personal ambition to attain success and fame. The two foreign students seemed strangely attracted to each other, and grew to be close friends. There were many American girls in the class, and quite a group of real believers among them; but none of them seemed to come so close to Miss Tsao as this girl from Porto Rico. She was mentioned very often in her home letters, and when summer drew near, she wrote to ask, if it would be convenient and agreeable to have her bring her Porto Rican friend with her for the summer, since she seemed so much alone in our country, and could not afford to make the trip to her own home.

The two sisters in her American home had serious counsel together over the question. The wisdom of such close intimacy with one of another faith was questioned, and both felt a regret that close friendship had not been formed with daughters from strong Christian homes. By making a sacrifice of other summer plans, they might have entertained the friend for the vacation period in the home. But St. Louis has a hot summer usually, and it was their custom, and their plan for that year, to spend the warm months in Canada, where it would be much cooler. So the request was not granted; and later in the college life of Miss Tsao, when the true status between

the two students was known, deep regret was experienced that they had not used that opportunity to help in a real work of grace, which our Lord was conducting through the loving and prayerful ministry of Miss Tsao.

During the second year of her college life Miss Tsao began to write of the interest her Porto Rican friend was beginning to show in the study of God's Word; and during the third year this young woman confessed Jesus Christ as her Saviour and only mediator, and later became an enthusiastic student of God's Word, and a faithful witness for Him among her own people. This was from the beginning, the hope and purpose of dear Li Yuin Tsao. She recognized a hungry heart in her friend, and prayerfully looked to God to use her testimony and her consistent Christian living to open her heart to the truth, through which the Holy Spirit works to bring forth a "new creature in Christ". Would that more of our own students were alive to their privileges among foreign students! There would not be so many from foreign lands spending years in our colleges and universities, only to return to their own people more anti-Christian than when they arrived in the United States.

During the summer of 1909 Miss Tsao spent some weeks in and near Toronto, Canada, with her American family. She met there some of the workers of the China Inland Mission, visited in the delightful China Inland Mission Home, over which the now glorified Mr. and Mrs. Helmer graciously presided. It was a sweet experience in her life, and taught her new lessons in the life of faith, in which the history of the China Inland Mission might be used as a text-book of illustration. She was much impressed also by her first

view of Niagara Falls, and saw new illustration there of the mighty power of God in creation. She sought to know more of this power in her own life and in her future service for Him.

She entered into her second college year with fresh vigor and greatly enjoyed the practical application of some of her first year's foundation work in the treatment of diseases. She always had a large sympathy for the sick and suffering, and seemed easily to win their confidence. She began this year to do a little public speaking, and gained some freedom from timidity in doing so, which helped her in her later work.

During one of the summers at home, the subject of marriage was under discussion, and it was discovered that she shared the general Chinese understanding, that any student, who was helped to secure an education by any patron, would be in honour bound to give at least three years of work, in any place selected by the patron. Her friends assured her that they would not expect that custom to obtain in her case. She was given to understand that she would be absolutely free to serve God as she would be led by the Holy Spirit; also that she would be free to enter into marriage with a true Christian man. It was shown through God's Word, that our Lord did not approve of marriage between a believer and an unbeliever. She was told that she would be trusted to obey God's Word. This was evidently in the Lord's will.

During her last year in college, she, with a group of other students, was invited to spend a week at Washington, D. C., under excellent chaperonage, as guest of the Chinese Secretary of Education and of the Embassy. She went, and greatly

enjoyed the sights and privileges of the Capital. On one occasion, at a banquet given for the students, she sat within hearing of a most estimable young Chinese official, with whom she had enjoyed a friendship of some years' standing, and whom she greatly admired as a man, and as a Christian. In the course of the banquet some general conversation occurred, which involved a slur upon the Christian faith and upon its Founder, and gave a fine opportunity for her friend to declare himself a believer in that faith, and out of sympathy with the words spoken. He remained absolutely silent. Shortly after this occasion the young man asked Miss Tsao to be his wife. She very frankly told him, that had she not attended the banquet, she might have made the serious mistake of accepting his offer; but she added, that after seeing him sit in silence, when a slur upon his faith called so loudly for an expression of his loyalty to his Lord, she could not permit herself to give it any consideration. Her Lord Jesus was first in her life and heart. Never again did she for a moment consider matrimony, so far as any one knows.

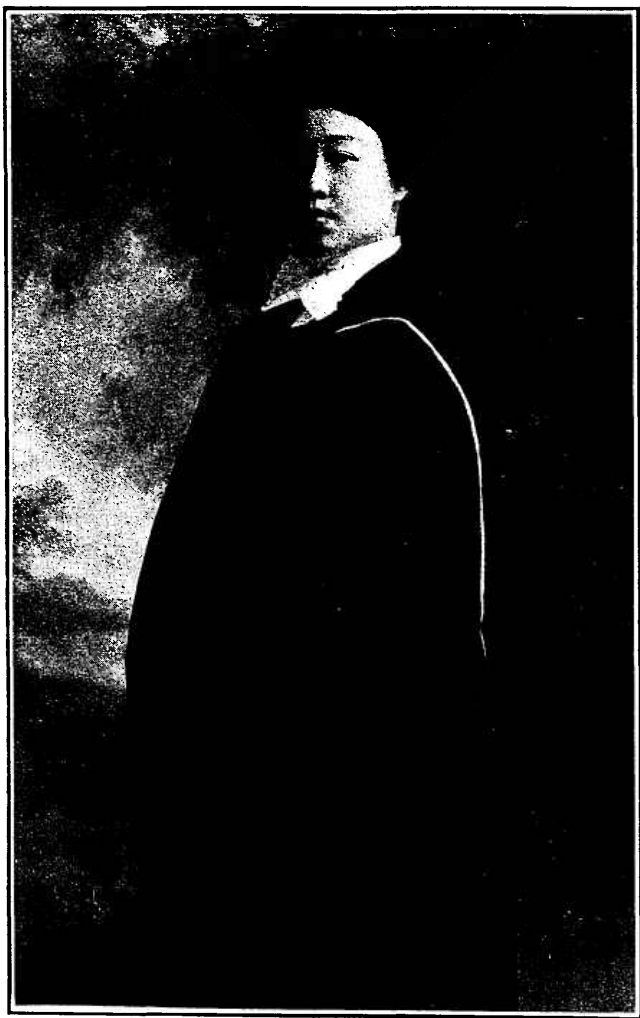
Dr. Tsao took her medical degree with the class of 1911, and after a few weeks of rest at home, entered upon an internship at the Mary Thompson Hospital for Women and Children, in Chicago. The medical member of her American family took her to the hospital, and introduced her especially to her old friend, Dr. Bertha Van Hoosen, the chief of the staff. The hope was expressed quietly to Dr. Van Hoosen that Dr. Tsao would not meet with unkind treatment from patients, because of prejudice against her nationality. Not more than two months later, a letter from Dr. Van Hoosen stated that one need have

no concern about Dr. Tsao's acceptability among the patients. The fact was, she was too popular, so that many patients were asking to have her care, instead of the internes to whom they had been assigned. She had a profitable year there, and was given many special opportunities in surgery and obstetrics. After leaving Chicago, she spent a few months in Bethesda Hospital, St. Louis, where she had opportunity to do some surgical operations under careful supervision, and with the assistance of experienced surgeons. She had unusual experience in the care of children and babies, both sick and well, and largely increased her obstetrical experience. There, as in Chicago, she won the confidence and affection of her patients, fellow workers and nurses, in a wonderful way. Bethesda Hospital is one part of a wonderful work of faith, given in answer to the importunate prayer of a Christian woman, who had been down to death's door, and marvelously restored to health and strength, and who longed to have her life count for God. The work includes a foundling home, a refuge for young mothers of fatherless children, a home for elderly ladies, a hospital and a training school for nurses. The hospital includes a ward for incurables, who are most tenderly attended. All funds have come, and still come, in answer to the prayer of faith, and for thirty-five years the institution has stood, as a testimony to God's faithfulness to His children. Dr. Tsao felt greatly privileged to be a part of this work for a season, and learned many profitable lessons in a life of faith, under the unconscious ministry of Mrs. Roger Hayne, the directress, called of God to carry on this great enterprise.

During the late summer of that year, she approached one of the sisters of her adopted fam-

ily with an earnest request for a time of prayer, concerning something, which was troubling her very much. The opportunity was found at once, and, closing the door upon everything outside, she was asked the cause of her concern. She sobbed as she spoke in great earnestness, "I have discovered so much of self in my life and in my heart that I must secure deliverance from God, in prayer. Unless I can die to self, I shall be of no use to Him in China." They prayed together, claiming the promise, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in Heaven". Dr. Tsao's prayer was most child-like, making frank confession of the discovery that self was still in control of much of her life. She handed herself over to the risen Lord, who had promised to His blood-bought ones, on the ground of His atoning sacrifice, that "Sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace". Before she left that room of prayer, she appropriated God's promise, and was able to say with the beloved Apostle Paul, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Her after life proved the genuine character of the act of faith consummated that day, and the faithfulness of our God toward every trusting heart.

Only a few days after this experience, Dr. Tsao received a cablegram from China, "Mother ill. Come." Preparations were made with speed, steamer reservations secured, and with a brave and trusting heart she started homeward, counting on God, that He would take her home in time to see the beloved mother, unless He had special reasons for taking the mother to Himself sooner, in His own loving wisdom. Her heart was at rest,



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of Pennsylvania

and she was free to occupy the long three weeks on the steamer with study of His Word, with intercessory prayer for others, and with testimony to the grace and wisdom and great salvation of her Lord. She wrote later, that God had given her many opportunities to testify to the wonders of His works, and of His written Word.

"Hath not each heart a passion and a dream?
Each some companionship for ever sweet?
And each in saddest skies some silver gleam,
And each some passing joy, too fair and fleet?
And each a staff and stay, though frail it prove,
And each a face he fain would ever see?
And what have I? An endless Heaven of love,
A rapture, and a glory, and a calm,
A life that is an everlasting Psalm;
All, O Beloved, in Thee."

G. T. S.

Chapter III.

First Term of Service in China

"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." "And lo, I am with you alway."

Dr. Tsao reached her Chinese home to find, to her great joy, that our Father had answered her prayer, that her precious mother still lived, and was so happy to have with her again the much-loved daughter, who had become so well fitted to minister to both her physical and spiritual needs.

The mother lived for three months after Dr. Tsao returned, and she delighted in talking over with her daughter the deeper spiritual truths of the Word of God, which the Spirit had graciously imparted to this earnest soul, who gave herself so whole-heartedly to her Lord, who took time to be alone with Him daily, to sit at His feet and to hear His Word. Ah! this is the secret which so many of us fail to learn; that our Lord is always ready and willing to impart the knowledge of His truth to our minds and hearts, but we busy ourselves so continually here and there, so often in our own will, that we do not find the time to be alone with Him. We do not place first things first on our programs. True, it certainly is, that those saints who set apart a definite time in the day for meeting Him on close terms, are the members of His body who bring forth fruit to His praise, and always more fruit, and much fruit.

After the mother went to be with her beloved Lord and Saviour, the daughter waited for the

Holy Spirit's leading in the next step to be taken. Many friends urged a private medical practice in the large port city of Shanghai, where so many of her family connection and of her old friends lived. Such a practice had promise of large financial returns and of many opportunities for bearing witness to the truth. But, waiting on the Lord's will, Dr. Tsao was led to accept an appointment under the Friends' Mission at Nanking, the old Chinese national capital. This mission, established many years ago, had built up a good school for girls and a hospital for women and children, with a daily clinic and a fairly large out-patient department. The mature women in charge of the work were deeply taught of God, and were known for excellent judgment, unusual executive ability, and large hearts yielded to the will of God.

Up to that time the hospital, the training school for nurses, and a service in the interdenominational hospital for missionaries had been conducted by two American women. They had been successful workers, and had accomplished much for the glory of God and for the welfare of the people under their care. One of these had been removed from service by death, another by illness. Dr. Tsao was engaged to undertake as much of this work as she could, until proper help might be secured. The help was never found, so that she eventually assumed responsibility for all the professional work of the mission, including both active practice among the women and children outside, and the teaching of nurses and medical assistants. She lived in the home with the American ladies, who took her into close fellowship.

Dr. Tsao enjoyed the spiritual home atmosphere and the delightful friendship with the

heads of the mission. She often wrote of the restfulness of the beautiful home life, with congenial friends, books, magazines, and music for a needed change of thought.

But when she found time to do some work among the women of the gentry, and realized their great need of the Gospel, she regretted not having a simple Chinese home of her own, which they would feel free to visit in a social way. She was more than willing to give up her home comforts with the very dear American workers, if by living alone in Chinese style, she might win some Chinese women to the knowledge of her Saviour.

At the close of her first year in the service of the Friends' Mission, Miss Butler, the honored head of the work, wrote that Dr. Tsao had much exceeded expectations in her ministry; that she found her entirely efficient in her professional work, possessed of marked executive ability, exceedingly tactful in her dealings with nurses and with all classes of the Chinese; that she was doing all the work which had previously required the whole time of two American workers; and that, above all, her personal devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ made her daily life a living testimony to His saving and keeping power to all about her.

What better investment of time, means and heart interest could one make than was made in this dear Chinese girl, who was used of her Lord, month after month, to win to a saving knowledge of Christ numbers of her country women from all classes, the poor and the rich, the ignorant and the educated?

In the letters and annual reports to the Board of Friends of the United States, Dr. Tsao manifested her habitual mental attitude toward

the real Head of the work, and her constant gratitude to Him for her privilege of service. A letter here given is quite characteristic of her correspondence.

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Nanking, China, April 13, 1913.

"I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage." Only with this promise before me did I consent to come to Nanking and take charge of the Friends' Hospital. Ever since I came, the first of November, I have realized more and more the great responsibility of the work and the numerous perplexities on one hand, and the exceeding graciousness of my Master on the other. During these few months I have learned to thank the Lord, whenever I face a problem that I am not at all able to solve; for this helplessness has made me appreciate my absolute dependence upon Him, and therefore I enjoy a closer fellowship.

Although it has been only five months since I am connected with the Hospital, I shall endeavor to give a rough outline of the work done since June last. It is needless for me to report here that after the home-going of Dr. Gaynor, her first assistant, Dr. Djang, proved to be the most faithful and clever worker. The weather was hot and the work heavy, so that a month's vacation in the month of August was taken by her, during which period no in-patients were received and the clinic patients were attended to by some Chinese graduate nurses. After the summer, starting with the first of October, Dr. Isabella F. DeVol, from Luho, came over to help and remained until I came to take up the work.

In the past year 9,000 odd patients were seen in the daily clinic, and 320 in-patients, with as many out-calls. When I first came, the clinic hours were from 10 to 12 A. M.; but as the cold weather set in, the patients came so late, that our afternoon work was much delayed; therefore the hours were changed to the afternoon, and the morning was used for dressing the in-patients and for operations. During these few past months about twenty-five operations, with general anesthesia were performed, beside the numerous ones, where no ether or chloroform is administered.

Since ours is the only hospital for women and children we have many obstetrical cases; but how pitiful it is, that most of them are such sad and desperate ones. One need not be a doctor in China long before she wishes to multiply herself manifold, so that proper scientific care could be given to women, who have for centuries suffered untold agony from the hands of ignorant midwives. May we all with one accord pray to the Lord of the Harvest that He will send out more medical missionaries to China.

Two great improvements took place in the Hospital last summer; in that the operating room was all re-varnished and re-whitewashed, and the back porch fixed over with a new stairway. A dressing-room was added upstairs next to the operating room, and the former dressing-room was turned into a private room. Some time ago a gift of money was given for the operating-room outfit, so we have ordered, and the things have just come from America. A few of the less important articles of furniture have been made here in order to lessen the expense.

At present we have two Bible women with us, and not one patient, whether she is an in-patient or a clinic patient, leaves the Hospital without hearing the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. With the in-patients the evangelistic work is more encouraging for they are with us for from days to months, and during that time the Bible women talk to them, teach them to read simple texts, and have meetings with them. When they first come, the patients who are helped the most physically are more willing to hear, while those whose physical ailments have passed beyond human skill can find no comfort in the "doctrine". But as they stay with us, the second class of patients gradually become friendly, and soon begin to find comfort and peace in their souls, although their bodily illness is still about the same. About a month ago a patient, a young woman of twenty-five, came to the Hospital with an awful right foot and ankle. I have told her, that that joint is beyond human skill, and the only thing left is amputation. She listens to the preached word with keen interest, and one day she told our Bible woman that she is going to follow Christ, whether she gets well or not.

Two women came to us from the country about ten days ago, apparently with the same trouble, but from different causes. One of them was greatly helped with a little operation, while the other does not improve under medical treatment. At first the second one would not listen to our Bible women at all, but before the second day was passed she came to the meetings. One afternoon I was upstairs in the ward talking to one of Miss Stanley's pupils, who is in bed with a serious disease, and this patient came to me. I asked the student, who is a Christian, whether

she was praying to the Great Physician to heal her, which she said she was doing. Then I turned around and said to this patient, that there is a place where there will be no sickness, no sorrow and no tears; the rich and the poor, the ignorant and the intellectual, shall be alike. She looked very much surprised, and then I went on to tell her the only way by which she can get to that place. I, as a worker for the Master, can only sow the seed; but my Master is able and willing to water it so that it may bring forth much fruit.

Before closing my brief report I wish to put down just a few lines about the Union Training School for Nurses. In the summer of 1912 the first class was graduated. Two of its members have married, and the other one is with us acting as a head nurse in the wards.

The school at present has eleven nurses in training; four of the third year; two, second year; three, first year, and two probationers. These girls, with the exception of the two new ones, are all Christians. The school is meaning to us a great avenue of multiplying our work, and also of scattering good seeds in the different Chinese homes, where they go to minister to the sick.

In the absence of a trained nurse at the head of the school, I am endeavoring to impart to the pupil nurses the nursing technique, as much as I know myself, and this is very limited. Therefore, will all of you who are interested in this line of work help us to pray that we might very soon get a nurse who is able to train and discipline; for it is the desire of the school to have our graduates thoroughly prepared to do the best scientific ministering unto the sick.

God has so wonderfully blessed us in every way during the past months, that my heart is filled to overflowing with praise and thanksgiving "Unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think".

Respectfully submitted,

Li Yuin Tsao.

Dr. Tsao began her work at the Friends' Mission in Nanking in the Fall of 1912, and passed through very unusual experiences during the following Summer. The passing of China from a monarchy into a republic was effected with little bloodshed. But about two years later there was some serious fighting, centering in and about Nanking. The rumor of trouble ahead was widely circulated some days before the state of civil war really existed, so that many residents of Nanking moved all of their possessions, with their families, to another city. An elder brother of Dr. Tsao was one of those who took this precaution, and he urged his much-loved sister to go with them to the old home in Shanghai.

It so happened that the two elder members of the Mission were away for their summer rest, when the rumors reached them. They were not allowed by the authorities to return to Nanking. Dr. Tsao's vacation was due, but she alone was left in the compound in charge of the hospital, school girls, servants and property. She knew that grave danger threatened them; her brother again and again urged her to go with him, stating the great risk of losing her valuable life by staying. She quietly assured him that she was quite ready to lay down her life should God call her to do so, but was not willing to betray a

trust, or to fail in her responsibility toward the patients, toward the girls and toward the many Christians and others, who had already poured into the compound to find greater safety for themselves and families.

She stayed, with confidence in her Heavenly Father's wisdom, love and power to "do exceeding abundantly above all she would ask or think", and He did not fail her.

On many days Dr. Tsao saw groups of girls being driven out to the soldiers' camp; her girls were threatened; but daily, and many times daily, she committed her large household to the keeping of the Heavenly Father, who, having "spared not His own Son, but freely offered Him up for us all", would surely "with Him freely give us all things", when the needs were presented in the name of that Son.

So the many weeks of danger rolled by, and left Dr. Tsao and her missionary compound untouched by the enemy; and God used her testimony to the salvation of many who took refuge with them, and to the strengthening of the faith of many others. The letters mention in a very simple way, this tremendous experience.

Nanking, December 5, 1913.

Miss Rachel Pim,
Alliance, Ohio,
U. S. A.

Dear Miss Pim:

Your good letter came to me some time ago, I was so glad to hear from you. Thank you for the words of encouragement kindly given. I believe it is the will of the Lord for me to be here, although at times, when difficulties and trials

arise, I wish I were somewhere else. What a wonderful God we have! What a gracious Master we serve! He never, never fails us.

I need not repeat about the happenings of the past summer, they are all written out in the Friends' Oriental News. Through it all, we kept up our spirit and our health.

Two weeks ago there were two interesting and serious operative cases in the hospital. From one woman a cyst weighing eighty-five pounds was removed. She is well, and will return to her home in a few days. In another case a very badly suppurating appendix was removed, she is also improving, and this patient is a fine Christian woman. I called in Dr. Hiltener for consultation, we all gave up hope of saving her life. One day I asked her, "Why do you think the Lord is allowing you to live?" She said, "Because I have not finished my work for Him."

The Memorial Hospital is open now, was dedicated last Saturday. The Nurses' Training School is growing nicely, there are sixteen girls with us now, and the senior class graduates the last of January, 1914.

Miss Butler has gone over to Luho for a few days, for which we are very happy, because she been working so hard, she is so *busy*.

At present we have fresh reasons to render thanks unto the Lord for our Chinese pastor, Pastor Gao; he is so filled with the Holy Ghost that his messages go home to all.

Give my Christian love to all the members of the Board,

Yours in His Service,

Li Yuin Tsao.

In her personal letters to her adopted American family, she often mentioned the Chinese pastor to whom she refers in the letter above. Many times she wrote of his wise counsel in times of perplexity, of his spiritual power in dealing with souls, of his broad sympathy for all in need of any kind, and of his Sunday sermons, which meant much to her in opening up the Word with new power, and which always strengthened her faith.

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Nanking, China, July 13, 1914.

Another year has gone, a year full of work, difficulties and discouragement on one hand, great blessings and wonderful deliverances on the other.

About two months after our last Annual Meeting was held in Nanking, there began to circulate around rumors of war, and this city was thrown into confusion. The people were so excited, some were moving out, and some were moving in, they did not know what they ought to do. During those troublous days we found a Safe Refuge beneath the Everlasting Arms. We did so want others to share this Refuge with us.

Toward the middle of August the condition in the city was so bad that all the beds and even the floor space in the hospital were taken by women, young girls and children. While they were with us, they saw that our trust was in Him, so we were not afraid. During those anxious days we had very helpful prayer meetings, and the Good Shepherd was with His own. The first day of September, 1913, will be a day to be long remembered by many of the citizens here. I re-

member very well that we had all our people stay inside and had all our blinds, upstairs and downstairs, shut tight. There was much firing in the street, and stray bullets were whizzing into our yard every minute. The Lord was so good unto us, no one inside the compound was hurt.

As far as medical work was concerned, not much outside work was done during those months. Practically no out-calls, and only the very poor dared to come to the clinics.

The Gospel was preached to all those who stayed with us, and we are following them up with our prayers.

When the city gradually got back to her former condition, more patients came, and the routine work of the hospital was much the same as last year, and has gone onward without interruption, and we have all had our hands full of work.

The different kinds of diseases that came to the hospital were just about the same as last year. The health of the city, on the whole, was rather good, but early in the spring there was an awful epidemic of smallpox, very fatal, too, throughout the length and breadth of this city. Hundreds of children and adults were swept away by it. We had all our own people vaccinated as soon as the epidemic broke out. One of the new pupils of Miss Stanley succumbed to this disease. Her people were farmers, not at all educated, humanly speaking, but the Holy Ghost had been their teacher. Her father came to see his daughter, and was present at her funeral, and a more beautiful Christian character than he, one could never expect to see.

Late last fall a poor widow came in with

cancer of the breast. It was too late to cure by operating, but she wanted to have it done. While she was with us she accepted Jesus as her personal Saviour, and although the same dreadful disease has come back she is a living witness and a shining light in the Widows' Home where she stays. We praise God for her.

In my last Annual Report I mentioned a woman with a bad tubercular ankle, who refused to have it amputated, yet she said that she would be a Christian, whether she got well or not. Finally after much persuasion the bad ankle was amputated, and she went home to wait for the artificial limb to come from England. She came to us again this spring. She looked so rosy and well that I hardly knew her. Her own father is dead, mother too old to work, and the husband good for nothing; but her kind uncles, on her mother's side, put up two-thirds of the money for her artificial limb. She wishes to enter a woman's Bible school in the fall. We are praying that a way may be opened and financial help may be procured for her.

A little before Christmas a patient came to be operated on. She had an ovarian cyst and after the operation it was found to weigh more than eighty-five pounds. The operation was a success and she left us in good health after three weeks' stay. She is now a member of our Gua Pu Church, and is a good worker for the Lord among her own people. Dear friends, pray for these good people.

Last year about 9,000 patients were treated in the daily clinics, and we took care of 564 in-patients. Out-calls numbered 260; operations, 39, and obstetrical cases, 73.

With the money on the field we dug a new well, because the old one caved in; and also built a much-needed cistern.

Our present *greatest need* is the adding of a wing to the hospital. For the past few months our wards have been quite full, and I am impressed every day, and especially every evening, when I make my evening rounds, that our wards are too crowded, and the beds too near each other. In the evening, even with every window and door open, the air in the wards is stifling, that when the warm weather comes it is not at all sanitary or hygienic. Our hospital ought to accommodate only 25 patients, but we often have to take in forty or more.

May the good Lord put this upon the hearts of some of His faithful stewards.

Last October I secured a fine young Christian woman to be the matron and teacher of the Union Nurses' Training School. She placed the nurses' studies and work into systematic order, and the girls have progressed much in their studies this year. Toward the middle of January, six nurses were graduated from the Union Training School. Two of them have since left to work in their own mission, and four have remained to take further special training.

There are now with us fourteen under-graduates, and some of them are very promising. Four of the number are not Christians, but they are daily coming to know the Lord better.

Dr. Djang and our two Bible women are just the same faithful and conscientious workers. The patients in the wards have learned to read many Bible truths, and every one of our clinic patients hears the Gospel before she leaves the

hospital. I am praying earnestly to the Lord that another fine Christian woman physician may come out to be my co-worker, and also that some of my Master's rich stewards may give the hospital more financial backing. I am so anxious to open another dispensary outside the city walls, or in another part of the city, for our hospital is the only hospital exclusively for women and children. To open another dispensary, and to work among the poor, means more money, so at present we are obliged to hold our breath and to wait for His will. May the Lord bless you all, and may He make this appeal your subject for prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Li Yuin Tsao.

Dr. Tsao's sacrifice and faithfulness became known to the officials of the city of Nanking, and they knew that her life was the expression of her faith in the true and living God, and that she believed with all her heart in His Son Jesus Christ as her risen Lord.

Shortly after peace had been restored in Nanking, the wife of a health officer was taken to her for medical attention. Dr. Tsao soon won her confidence, and found that she was much saddened over her household conditions. She gave her the Gospel and later, meeting her husband, sought earnestly to interest him in the Gospel of God's grace. Both husband and wife became students of the Word of God, and also began a sympathetic ministry to the poor among the people. With the assistance of the health officer, in addition to her many other duties, she organized a system of instruction for midwives, provided a number of health exhibits for the educa-

tion of the public, and greatly improved the city sanitation by her counsel.

This interested health official was a native of the city of Tientsin, and later recommended Dr. Tsao to the Board of Directors of the Peiyang Woman's Hospital of that city as the most capable woman in China to take charge of the institution, and to develop its greater usefulness to women and children of that section of her country. Of this we will hear more later.

Dr. Tsao's Annual Report does not mention her own part in the wonderful summer experience during the war, but does show forth the Lord's goodness to them and His faithfulness to His own in time of need. It will be noticed in all of her reports what great stress she puts upon the spiritual side of her work, while giving her best skill and careful attention to the physical needs of all patients presented. Our Father delights in such ministry and sets upon it His seal of approval.

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April, 1915

Another year of privilege, opportunity, difficulty, and blessing has gone; and as we look back, we are reminded of the words of the Psalmist, "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness."

The outlook at the beginning of the year was somewhat dark, and difficulties seemed to be ahead, but as we went along with our blessed co-workers, the darkness disappeared and the difficulties were overcome. We thank God also when we come to difficulties and hard problems, for these bring us nearer to God. They have also deepened our experience, confirmed our faith,

taught us a lesson, that we can depend upon God being with us, that "He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think", and that God is faithful, who "will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it".

Early last spring since Dr. and Mrs. DeVol were in America on their furlough, several urgent trips were made to Luho, when some members of our own Mission were sick; and it is more evident than ever before, that the Chinese people, rich and poor, are realizing and appreciating more and more, Western medicine and good nursing.

The routine work of our hospital is much the same as last year; but, for various known and unknown reasons, the numbers of our dispensary patients and in-patients were less than other years. This was so not only in our hospital, but there was a decrease more or less in all the hospitals. Let us hope that the reason was national good health.

At the beginning of June our faithful assistant, Dr. S. L. Djang, took sick, and was better and worse during the whole month. Just as soon as she was strong enough to travel, we sent her up to Kuling, hoping in that health-giving climate, she might soon regain her health. She has been up there ever since in a tubercular sanitarium, and the last word we had from her was not very encouraging. She is hardly any better after ten months of rest and medical care. Will all of you please remember her in prayer, that she might find the Great Physician all-in-all for her?

June, July and August proved to be very

busy months, and the weather was exceedingly warm and humid; so it was decided that the hospital should be closed from the middle of August to the middle of September, in order to give me a month's vacation. It was not an easy task to close the hospital and send the patients home, for the wards were then full, each bed taken, and full clinics every day. I was perfectly willing to have the Lord's will done, and not my own; so daily we prayed that if it were the Lord's will to close the hospital, He would, one by one, send my patients home. How wonderfully He answered our prayer, for when the day came for me to leave the wards were empty, with the exception of a few chronic cases, which my nurses were able to care for during my absence. God's ways are wonderful; He had some other work for me. After a flying trip to Shanghai, I was called to one of my brothers in North China, and I had the privilege of nursing him, with his wife, for three weeks, when God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to take him unto Himself.

By the first of October the routine work of our hospital started again. Very few patients came at first, for they had heard that the hospital was closed for good. During the early spring of 1914 smallpox claimed as its victims thousands and thousands of children and adults; so this year even before Chinese New Year, public notices were posted all over the city by the Health Department, telling the people of the different places where free vaccination took place, the vaccination money being provided for by the Health Department.

Among our patients we had a few cases of amoebic dysentery, but these yielded rapidly to

the hypodermic injections of emetine. Tuberculosis is very often met with, but most of them come too late for us to help them. In our clinics we see so many patients with enlarged glands, but nearly all are too scared to have them operated upon.

At present there are two little orphan girls in our hospital, and they are such sad cases. One of them is twelve years old and the only friend she has on earth is a poor adopted mother. The latter makes her living as a servant. Five months ago this little girl could not walk any more, for her left knee hurt her so much, and it became doubled upon itself more and more. Several weeks ago she came to us, and she is now much improved. She has such a sweet and sad expression that my heart just goes out to her. She has learned to read many Bible verses, and is so happy and good-natured.

The other little girl was adopted by her relatives. During the very cold weather last winter her feet were frost-bitten, and when she came to us the toes of her left foot were black. The other foot was in a bad condition too, but we saved those toes. With a little chloroform, we removed the sloughing part and the dead bones on the left foot, and it is so much better now. We wish to thank our good friends who give every year toward the poor bed fund, for it is only by their generous giving that we are able to take care of many of such and other sad cases in our hospital, without charging them anything.

In my other two reports I briefly mentioned about the awful things the old-fashioned midwives were doing, but in this report I have good news for you all. Long before this report reaches

you, you must have read the little article in Friends' Oriental News, and have seen the photograph accompanying it, so I need not go into details here. The school was in session for three months and the women received a great deal of practical knowledge. With the next class we expect to prolong the course, and the young women must know how to read. For all such modern improvements as free vaccination and the opening of the midwives' school, the city of Nanking owes its debt of gratitude to her Health Officer, who is public spirited and conscientious. If he were only won for Christ, he would be a power among his own people.

It has been a long-felt need to enlarge our dispensary, for we only had one small room in which to take care of our medical and dressing cases, children and adults all together. In this new addition we shall have separate rooms for the various lines of work. This addition was made possible by the amount of \$600.00 left by our late Dr. Gaynor for building purposes. A picture of it will undoubtedly appear in the Oriental News.

From June, 1914, until, March, 1915, I was alone in the medical work with my graduate and under-graduate nurses. If I did not have such trained nurses, I am sure that I could not have done the work. There are at present in the employ of our hospital two graduate nurses, one for the operating and obstetrical rooms, and the other as a head nurse in the wards. They do very good work, although at times I wish that they could have done better. There are now in the training school eleven nurses, with a class of three seniors to graduate this coming June.

On the 13th of March I succeeded in getting an assistant to take Dr. Djang's place while she is away. She was trained by a mission hospital in Soochow under the Methodist Episcopal Mission South.

Although we do much medical work, and spend hours daily in nursing and dispensing, we never forget the preaching of the Gospel and to do spiritual good whilst relieving the body. We make it our rule, that all the in-patients, out-patients and clinic patients hear the Gospel of God before they leave the hospital premises. There had been some such bad cases that it seemed impossible to talk to them about our Lord Jesus Christ.

Dear friends, we need your prayers that we may have wisdom, tact and insight from above, so as to know how to approach each individual case; but, above all, that we might not only preach the Word, but live it; so that without doing a thing or saying a word, people may know that we have been with Jesus. There is a certain class of women in every city that is very hard to reach; they are the ladies of the rich families and of the high official families. In my medical work and in my social intercourse I come into contact with many of them, so I have special opportunities, and therefore, I have special responsibilities. Some of them are so gentle, gracious and loving, and if they were only won for Christ, what shining lights they would be. I do ask for your prayers, that I may be led at all times to know what, and when, and where, to say the right word.

Our two Bible women are just as faithful as ever. During the clinic hours they talk to the waiting patients, and then we have daily meet-

ings with the in-patients; besides the personal work that is done by each one in the hospital. All the servants, with the exception of the cook and his helpers, are Christians, and I feel sure that they all try to live up to their Christian principles.

In my last year's report I mentioned two particular surgical cases. One of them was healed, and is now such a shining light among her people in a little country town. We often hear good reports about her. With the other, the awful disease of cancer returned, and she died rejoicing in the Lord.

In closing, it gives very great pleasure to thank our friends for their continued practical fellowship and earnest effort on our behalf, without whose loving sympathy our hands would be tied, and many poor sufferers passed by uncared for, and left to die. We want to thank our friends who sent us such a nice bundle of useful articles by Mrs. DeVol. To those friends who support beds in our hospital for the poor sick, we render thanks.

We do hope that our friends may not become tired helping us, although they may not always hear just how much good their generosity has accomplished.

There is one gift that we ask from all of you, and this gift every child of God can give, that is prayer. Pray for us that we may at every turn seek His will, and lead the straying ones to the fold.

Li Yuin Tsao, M.D.

It was discouraging to our dear Doctor to find so little gained by her first labors in behalf of the midwives. Her heart burned over the seri-

ous dangers confronting so many thousands of Chinese mothers, because of the ignorance and uncleanness of the midwives, and because of the impossibility of providing for them intelligent professional service. Prayer over the question led her to undertake teaching the principles and art of midwifery to the graduate nurses of the training school, and she set about putting this plan into action with great enthusiasm. She gave training in midwifery to twenty-two graduate nurses. Contrary to the belief of many, Dr. Tsao found as much as thirty-eight per cent of her obstetrical cases to be operative cases. This fact helps one to realize the dangers encountered without professional skill.

How great is the contrasting picture, when we consider the excellent hospital equipment, the highly educated nurses and the trained professional skill of our obstetricians in the United States! Few of our people stop to consider that all these advantages we owe to the work of the Lord Jesus Christ in our behalf, as revealed to us in His precious Word, which in our country is an open book.

During 1916 Dr. Tsao gave more time to public lectures on health topics, often addressing audiences of three hundred or more. She was forceful in her teaching, went to great lengths in securing proper charts and health exhibits to appeal to the eye, and had strong influence in directing public attention to the great needs of the city of Nanking in matters of sanitation and public health.

Annual Report of the Friends' Hospital

Nanking, China, April, 1916

Dear Friends:

In looking back to the year that has just left us, my heart fills up with unutterable praise and thanksgiving for all that He, my Friend and Master, did do for me. This particular verse, "For your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask Him", has been great comfort to me over and over again.

In the early fall Dr. Djang came down from Kuling well and happy to take up her work among us again. For her complete recovery, we praise and thank our Great Physician. She is careful of her strength and is feeling just fine, although sometimes she has to work hard.

The medical work has gone on as usual and we have had no epidemic of any kind this year. Last spring, as well as this spring, we have had many children for vaccination, and we see so many children with red caps (mothers usually put red caps on the children who have been vaccinated), showing that smallpox is getting less and less, and vaccinations more and more popular. Under the auspices of the Social Service League a series of lectures on the different hygiene questions was given, and I have no doubt that they did much good.

In my last report I mentioned the formation of the Midwives' School by the Nanking Board of Health. Our talks did very little, if any, good to the old, ignorant women, for we still have our usual portion of the sad and pitiable cases. Thirty-eight per cent, of our obstetrical work is operative. What we are gradually planning to do is to train some of our strong, well-built graduate

nurses to be competent midwives, and let them go and take the work. We had several serious abdominal operations, and we are so thankful to say that they all made rapid recovery. Our private rooms have been occupied nearly all the time, and the fees from that are the main support of our hospital.

We had many patients for the poor beds, the kind of patients that have to stay for a long time. Among them is a poor country woman with awfully sore legs. She was with us for a few months year before last, and when she left her ailment was entirely healed. Early this spring she came to us again. Being a country woman, she had to stand a great deal and work hard, so the old healed places all broke down again. Her legs, after several months' treatment, are much better and she can walk a little. She is always thanking and praising her Great Physician who is able to heal her soul and body. Our Bible women teach her to read a few tracts, and she is very painstaking.

On the 29th day of October a beggar woman came to our clinic and insisted that we take her in. We took her in, and upon examination found that she had a broken hip beyond help, for it had been broken many months. She came in thin, pale and unhappy. Soon she would greet me in the morning, when I made my morning round, with a smiling face, and she learned to sing hymns and read Bible verses; but, sorry to say, her religion is only skin-deep, for very often her disposition is ugly. After staying with us for more than six months, we heard that her husband had come back. We had a good crutch made for her, and with a little money, and some clothes, sent her back to her husband. We pray and hope that

she may not forget the Gospel she heard while with us. Since she left she has come to Sunday morning service several times.

Just about one month after, an old lady was brought to us from the "Old People's Home". She, too, has a broken hip. When she first came, she was unhappy and grouchy, but now her face just beams with happiness and her bright and cheerful spirit is such a help to the other patients. Her memory is poor and her eyes are dim, so it is impossible for her to read; but she listens attentively when any of us talk to her about Jesus Christ.

For the last two years we had with us two old Manchu women. They were sick in soul and body when they came in. One of them is so deaf that it is very difficult to make her hear. As far as their physical ailments are concerned, they are both now perfectly well; but although they do believe and accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour, every once in a while they backslide. Please pray for them, that they may be fully established. About a month ago I sent one of them back to her own place, for it does not seem fair for the well ones to be in the wards while there are others more needy. I have to "harden" my heart once again, to send the other one away.

In our clinics we treated 9,763 cases; no particular disease predominating, but some of all kinds. Our in-patients have not been so many this year, for, on account of the unsettled conditions, many families moved away from Nanking. We have been giving to all the people that come, illustrated Bible tracts, and also a Chinese calendar showing how to prevent tuberculosis. Our Bible women have posted some big pictures in the

waiting room, and some women listen with interest; but some of them are too anxious to see the doctor for their physical ailments. With many of the old ladies in the clinics, I have good talks about our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us all.

My most interesting and yet the most difficult evangelistic work is among the women of the gentry and official classes. We are good friends, we call on each other and often meet socially; but if you start to tell them about Jesus, they are sure to have something important to which they must go at once. Their souls must be precious in the Lord's eyes, but they are so hard to win. They have all the world can give to make them happy. I pray that the Lord may give me wisdom and tact for each case. My living with the foreign workers is a barrier to our more intimate relationships, for they have told me that they do not feel at ease in a house where foreigners live.

Since my last report another class of nurses has graduated from the Union Nurses' School at Nanking. Of the last graduates one is nursing in a hospital under the London Mission in Shanghai, one is a nurse in the Memorial Hospital in Nanking, and the third one is with me. They are all doing praiseworthy and splendid work.

There are at present ten girls in training. They are a happy and contented and congenial company, not at all quarrelsome and faultfinding with each other. Every morning they have morning prayers with the Pastor, but in the evening they have devotional service by themselves. For the latter part of last year my sister was teaching them, but on account of her poor health I had to look for another teacher. A graduate of the Shanghai Hospital Medical School was se-

cured, and she is giving good lessons upon nursing and medical subjects.

About a month ago I started to go once a week to the Poor Children's Home in the city supported by the Government. There are 650 children and they do need a great deal of medical attention. Every Wednesday morning from 8:30 to 12:00 M. one of the nurses and I see about 350 boys and girls. Most of them have trachoma and some kind of skin disease. How I wish I could see them every day.

May the richest blessings of our Heavenly Father shower upon you all.

Yours in His Coming,

Li Yuin Tsao, M.D.

Dr. Tsao mentions her special gratitude for the recovery of her major surgical cases; and it may be best to mention that there is an old Chinese custom, requiring the head of any house in which a person should die, to be held responsible for the funeral expenses of the deceased. As a Chinese funeral can be made an expensive affair, foreign mission societies cannot afford to assume responsibility for such an expense. So, unless a patient's family can be persuaded to sign a paper, exempting the mission from such a responsibility, the mission doctor is obliged to refuse an operation involving great risk. Besides this custom, the fear of surgery is great among most of the Chinese people. These two facts limit the number of major operations in China.

In the year 1916-1917 Dr. Tsao added to her services some weekly hours of instruction in Ginling College for Women. In this college, which was established through the gracious interest of a number of Christian women of the United

States, the most ambitious and best-prepared students who had completed the high school course, were admitted; and for this reason the student body was of an unusually fine quality. Since the Government of China has offered comparatively few educational opportunities to girls, until a very recent date, most of the Ginling students were from missionary schools, and a goodly proportion were true believers.

Dr. Tsao was very happy to have a share in the further development of these young women, and one of their number has told me of the strong influence her earnest consistent Christian life exerted upon the student body. She gave them carefully prepared instruction in physiology, and in personal hygiene, and in home sanitation, and took time for many personal talks with girls over their problems. One of the graduates of Ginling College spent a short time with Dr. Tsao in her later work in Tientsin, and then came to this country to secure a thorough medical education, that she might follow in the footsteps of her beloved elder sister in Christ, and give her life also to the Lord for spreading His Gospel in China, and for ministering in His name to the sick and suffering among her own people.

This young student wrote of Dr. Tsao: "Her life was full of service and gracefulness; it is hard to illustrate her. Many patients found comfort and relief by talking to Dr. Tsao, and many were helped merely by her presence with them. She was not only a physician to them, but also a comforter and counsellor. Oftentimes she would sit by the bedside, and talk with them for hours."

The same student gave a beautiful illustra-

tion of Dr. Tsao's combined medical and spiritual ministry in the case of an interesting young couple in Nanking. The husband had been educated in Germany, and filled an important city office. The wife had only a Chinese education, and Dr. Tsao's help was sought for her because she was childless, and most unhappy in the fear that another wife might be taken should she continue to be childless. According to Chinese tradition and custom, the presence of a son in the family is absolutely imperative for the continuance of ancestral worship, a strongly intrenched religious rite. Dr. Tsao, with her large heart of sympathy, quickly grasped the situation, and prayerfully set about their deliverance. She added to her medical advice social visits in the home, graciously suggesting modern improvements in the household, and many little ways of winning her husband's approval and admiration. At the same time she interested the husband in Christian books, in scientific books, and in the Bible. It was not long before the couple were noticeably more congenial, and they began to attend chapel together. They saw much of Dr. Tsao's consistent Christian living, and it had great influence upon them. The husband later gave valuable help to the doctor, in establishing health exhibits and lectures on hygiene, and municipal provision for more intelligent care of the sick. This was only one of many homes where the entrance of God's messenger brought order out of confusion, and peace out of great destruction and sorrow. "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of them that bring good tidings, that publish peace."

Annual Report of Friends' Hospital

Nanking, China, May, 1917.

Dear Friends:

Very often while I work and talk with the patients I am reminded of the fact that this hospital has been, and still is, such a blessing to hundreds and thousands of sick women and children, rich and poor. Not seldom do I begin with those who have never heard about our Lord Jesus with this question, "Do you know who built this hospital, and why was it that the foreigners spent so much money in building it? If you think it is not a money-making proposition, what is it then?" The door is now open and the way clear for me to tell them about the great love of our Heavenly Father to send down His only begotten Son to die for us, and it is because of this same great love in the hearts of our foreign friends, that this hospital is built. Since I have been here and have seen the great amount of good this work has done for the suffering, I daily pray that the Lord God Almighty will greatly bless you and give you joy through this branch of your work.

DISPENSARY

The work in the dispensary always proves very interesting. There are all kinds of diseases, from the slightest every-day ailments to the rare and incurable cases. Some out of poverty, some of ignorance, and some because they do not believe in foreign medicine, have waited so long that it makes the healing and doctoring very hard for us. Owing to the lack of separate wards, we have to refuse admittance to those with incurable diseases and also those with bad tubercular lungs. Often we feel that some of these are the very ones we ought to take in, for their days in

this world seem to be numbered, and how urgent it is for them to come to know Him as their Saviour. Our two faithful Bible women, Mrs. Tsai and Mrs. Tsu, are very earnest and seize every opportunity to tell them about Jesus Christ. Next among our dispensary patients are those with all kinds of skin diseases, some very trying and slow to heal. Hundreds of minor operations are performed under local anesthetics, as the opening of boils, abscesses, carbuncles, fistulas and the like. Our number this year came to 12,578, larger than other years because I held some very large clinics in one of the Government poor children's homes. So many hundreds of the boys and girls have trachoma. One thing we noticed about the dispensary patients which pleased us very much, is that more and more come to us, and keep on coming until they are entirely relieved of their trouble. This is very encouraging.

IN-PATIENTS

Although our wards were not full all the time, our four private rooms were in constant demand so that finally we had to give up our dining room to be used as another private room. We are glad that more of the richer class and also more of the official class are coming to us, for these are the hardest to reach. It is quite out of the question for Bible women to visit them without knowing them first, and just a very, very few of them ever come to church; so we are so happy to have them come to us. While they are under our roof we have the golden opportunity to tell them about Him. They daily hear the singing of hymns, and they have remarked to me saying, "How happy the girls seem to be". We had women from such families in the city and then also had them from cities some 50 or 70, or even 100, miles from Nan-

king. Through some very good friends of mine, I became acquainted with many, and I make it a practice to go and call on them, (I only regret that I do not call oftener), and at their homes I meet and make friends with others. I am more and more convinced of the exact truth of these verses, "How hard it is for them that trust in riches to enter into the Kingdom of God. It is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God", "but nothing is impossible with God". I am much interested in the work of the Women's Social Service League in Nanking, and I take an active part in it for we must become friends to these women before we can win them for Christ. If I were to re-live my five years in Nanking, I certainly would have a home of my own; then more of these ladies would come to see me and visit with me, for they still do not feel at ease when they know that there are foreigners living in the same house. My heart goes out to them very much because they seem to be so satisfied in themselves. Most of them do nothing but go to theaters, card parties or domino parties, smoke cigarettes, ride around in carriages and automobiles and wear the best and latest fashions. Although only a very few of these ladies ever come to any decision while they stay with us, yet we can sow the seed, and pray to our Heavenly Father in His mercy to shine and rain upon it that it may bring forth fruit in due season. Among the very few are two Mrs. Chens, who became probationers a week ago last Sunday. We came to know one of them very well through her only daughter, Miss Miao Yoh, who is an invalid with tubercular spine trouble and has to wear a plaster-of-paris cast all the time or else she can-

not walk or even turn in bed. With it on, she can walk and even jump. Mrs. Chen's late husband was a military officer, and her father-in-law is a land owner and business man. Although she has become a probationer it will be so hard for her to join the Church, for her father-in-law must have ancestral worship in his household. Her daughter is also a probationer. The other Mrs. Chen belongs to an old-fashioned official family. While her husband lived she could not often come out. She, being the second and favorite wife of Mr. Chen's, did not treat the first wife any too kindly and made many things unpleasant for her. Their husband died nearly three years ago. Ever since his death she has been coming to church regularly, and she has changed ever so much during the past year; she is much kinder and lovelier to the first wife. Please pray for these two.

There is another couple in Nanking for whom my heart yearns very much. He is quite a prominent official in the city. Three years ago his wife was taken very ill, and, after going the rounds unto the old-fashioned doctors, they were told by friends to come to us. After a slight operation she was healed of her ailment, and while with us they adopted a little girl, which was brought to the hospital because its mother had too many girls. By the adoption of the little girl, this home life is far happier, and they love her as if she were their very own. These two of late come to church quite regularly and they are much interested in the Gospel. Please pray for this couple.

During the past year we had 102 obstetrical cases, some of them very difficult and dangerous. We were able sometimes to save both mother and

child, but nearly always the mother. The maternal mortality has been very low. In a great majority of cases when we were called out, we are able, after much patience and persuasion, to have them consent to come to the hospital. We feel grateful for this, because it is so much better for the patient, and also for us, to have the work done in the hospital, instead of in the homes. The post-partum care is very important, and there is no one in their home who knows how to nurse them. We lost several mothers on this account, just because of the lack of scientific nursing.

SURGICAL OPERATIONS

This past year we have had no abdominal operations, but quite a number of minor ones, about 51 under general anesthesia. While with us and while suffering, they listen eagerly to the Gospel, and we pray that they may listen to the still small voice of the Spirit. The in-patients altogether number 351.

HOSPITAL STAFF

The hospital staff is made up of six persons: Dr. Djang, Dr. Gaynor's pupil; Mrs. Shao, surgical and obstetrical head nurse; Miss Tsu, ward and head nurse; two druggists, and me. Miss Butler very kindly has her two Bible women help us with the evangelistic work of the hospital.

The hospital routine is as follows:

Breakfast, 7:00 A. M. daily.

Morning prayer for the compound, led by
Pastor Gao, 7:30 A. M.

All the nurses go on duty at 8:00 A. M.

Daily clinic except Sunday, from 10:00 A. M.
to 12:30 or 1:00 P. M.

In the afternoon the student nurses spend two hours in studying. Both Dr. Djang and I

teach some, if we don't have to operate or make out-calls. Of late I have been trying to teach one and one-half hours or two hours.

THE UNION NURSES' SCHOOL AND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

These two institutions daily prove to be blessings to ever so many. The nurses nurse in our hospital as well as in the one where all of the patients are foreign. We have had many serious cases there this past year, and the strength of the foreign superintendent nurse was taxed to the limit. The Memorial Hospital occupies such a fine locality, just the place for rest; for it is away from the other buildings and in a very quiet place. The nurses number twelve this year, with one special student. The class we took in last fall is doing work of a higher grade and they will be given subjects the others have not had; for these are so much better prepared. It has always been a regret of mine ever since I came here, that we have had no regular nurse to train them. Had we a nurse, I am sure these girls would learn more and be better prepared for their work.

While I am writing this report I am still undecided whether I will return to this work after I come back from my furlough. I have enjoyed the fellowship with, and companionship of the other members of this mission so much and I do hate to leave this work. I have learned to think that it is mine. Dear, dear friends, please pray for me that I may come to an early decision, and to decide just the thing the Lord wishes to have me do, and be in the place where the Lord wishes to have me be.

Yours in the hope of His coming soon,
Li Yuin Tsao.

During her whole time of service in Nanking, Dr. Tsao gave medical help also in the Memorial Hospital for foreigners, and many missionaries availed themselves of her skill, and of her ever-ready help in prayer and counsel in times when serious problems were before them. She came into close touch also with the members of the Board and of the faculty of the Bible Teachers' Training School in Nanking. After she left Nanking, a member of that faculty, who was in the United States for a year's furlough, took the trouble to stop in St. Louis en route from East to West, to talk to Dr. Tsao's American home folk of her beautiful life among them, of her peculiarly close fellowship with the Lord, of her great loving spirit to all, of her patience under every circumstance, and of her generous cooperation in every effort to glorify God. She had become a devoted friend.

During the year 1917 Dr. Tsao faced the question of God's further leading for her, since her contract for five years of service with the Friends' Mission would expire in November, 1917. She had many considerations in mind. Her beloved elder sister who had been her co-worker for sometime, had become an invalid, with little prospect for a return to health, and needed the constant care of a nurse. Dr. Tsao assumed the responsibility of her support, and needed larger funds.

As her Annual Reports to the Home Board have indicated, she felt the urgency of reaching with the Gospel, the secluded, neglected women of the gentry and of the official classes. To accomplish much in that direction, she felt that a residence of her own was necessary, and this would entail more expense. Last of all, she had

an urgent request to assume charge of an established Government hospital for women and children, which had been left without a superintendent, and which would almost necessarily close its doors, should a capable superintendent not be found within a reasonable time. This was the only hospital for women supported by the Government in all China for many years, and situated in Tientsin, an important city in North China, near the coast, and also within easy reach of Peking. It was a strategic point to hold for those interested in the propagation of the Gospel.

When first approached with the request for her consideration of the Peiyang Women's Hospital superintendence, Dr. Tsao replied promptly, to the effect, that as she was interested in making known the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, she could not accept a proposition which would necessarily preclude Christian propaganda; since the hospital was under direct control of the Chinese Government, and the Chinese Government did not recognize the claims of Christianity. The compensation proffered was about three times the amount offered by most foreign mission hospitals, and the opportunities for building up a large work were unusually great.

To her surprise, a second letter was received, in which the secretary of the Board assured her of the willingness of the Board to allow her the privilege she desired, of teaching her faith. This seemed a marvelous concession, and a less thoughtful and less prayerful woman might easily have agreed to make terms with the concession. But since Dr. Tsao's first aim in life was to "hold forth the Word of Life," and since she knew the various tortuous method of slipping out of verbal agreements, used by lawyers and officials of vari-

ous lands, including her own, she looked to the Lord for further definite leading. Our God never fails to meet the trusting heart, and He gave His child very explicit guidance. She wrote to the secretary that she greatly appreciated the concession made by the Board. She further stated, that any contract made between them must be carefully drawn and in every detail committed to writing, which would be endorsed by the personal signatures of all Board members, and of all Government officials connected with the Hospital in any way.

She then drew up a contract, which she would be willing to sign with them, undertaking on her part all the duties and responsibilities they had desired her to assume,—and they were heavy,—requesting on their part the guarantee to her of full liberty to control the teaching and policy of the Hospital, to select her own assistants and nurses, and to carry with her two Bible women, who would not be hindered in any way, in their Gospel work. Her fellow missionaries in general, after reading her contract, felt sure that the door in that direction would be closed. No Chinese officials, no Board of Directors, would, in their opinion, consent to any such contract.

“But God!” How it changes the whole outlook when we recall that phrase so often used in the Scriptures! But God had a plan for His faithful child; He had a work for her to do in His name in that northern city, and He led those unbelieving officials to sign their names to just that contract, drawn up in part by a young Chinese woman. With such evidence of God’s hand guiding her, no one of her beloved fellow-workers in Nanking could hesitate to see, that her next work was in Tientsin, and to commend her to the

work to which the Holy Spirit had separated her. Dr. Tsao stayed with the Friends' Mission some months after the close of her contract with them, in order not to leave the work she loved there without the suitable workers, for whom they needed to wait for a time.

The last official letter written to the Foreign Mission Board of her friends in Ohio, by Dr. Tsao, is a very sweet note of praise to her faithful God, who had stayed so close by her side through the full term of service in Nanking. She gives to Him all the praise and glory. She is also very careful to make it plain to the home workers, that there was no hidden unpleasantness in her relations with other workers, nor any other wrong condition on their part, which led her to sever her connection with the Mission. She had sought guidance from above, and He who said "I will guide thee with mine eye," had answered her call, and had made the way plain.

Annual Report of Friends' Hospital

Nanking, China, April 22, 1918.

Dear Friends:

It is with praise and thanksgiving upon my lips and in my heart that I again write the Annual Report of the Nanking Friends' Hospital. At this time there is a mixed feeling within me for I realize that this is the last report I shall write on the work of the above mentioned hospital. It was the first of November, 1912, when I took upon me the responsibility of the school, and on the fourth, I became also the acting superintendent of the Union Nurses School. Young and inexperienced, I at once felt that I was not fit for the work and was not able to do it justice. But having been taught from my childhood to trust

in God, and to take to Him all the problems and difficulties, I took courage, knowing that if He called me here, He would certainly supply all my needs, and indeed He is ever faithful to His promises; He has been so tender and so near at all times. When tact, patience and graciousness were needed He gave them unto me, and when firmness and discipline were necessary, my Heavenly Father also supplied them. At the end of my stay here I can say with a full heart, that I thank God for the Christian fellowship, the many kind friends, and the numberless blessings He gave me and also for every trial, disappointment and even pain; for each time He was faithful to His promises, that my trust and faith in God were strengthened.

If you will pardon me, I shall take this opportunity to explain a little my reason for not renewing my contract at the end of this one. I have received several fine letters from the members of your Board, and I do appreciate their kind thoughts of me, and my service rendered to the China Mission.

For the last two or three years, and particularly during this past year, my closest friends and I have prayed earnestly for the Lord's direct guidance in the choice of my future place of work. New financial responsibilities have befallen me, and with the salary your Mission offers I would be in no way prepared to meet them. Then also ever since I have been in Nanking, my aim has been to reach and work among the so far untouched field, that is, the women of the richer and official classes. They have been for so long cut away from contact and isolated, that in order to work among them, we must first become friends. This leads to my next reason. For my

aim, I shall have a nice home of my own outside the compound, where I can have my social intercourse with my friends, and where I can entertain without inconveniencing anybody else. I will have a co-worker, not medical but evangelical. But this does not take only time and energy, but also means. At first I did not intend to go into this, but lest I should be misunderstood I added this paragraph for explanation. At present there are several doors open for me, and I feel confident that my Father in Heaven will lead me to enter the right one.

The Spring of 1917 was rather dry and the people round about us suffered some from lack of water. Our hospital is so fortunate in having a fine forty-five foot well which has never gone dry. We were anxious, for with such weather diphtheria and other throat affections abound; but later we had some rainfall, which filled up the numerous ponds and wells.

On May 3rd, our hospital met with an accident, in that the entire roof and chimneys of the operating room were blown off by a cyclone. We were scared, but nevertheless the nurses and one foreign gentleman, who came in to assist, and I moved all the patients downstairs to the first floor, not knowing whether or not the cyclone would do more damage. The roof went off in toto, so that the ceiling was not hurt; although carpenters came at once and covered it with boards, that same night it rained so we had to give our operating room a new ceiling, as well as a new roof.

This year another class of three nurses graduated. On May 27th Mr. A. V. Gay, A Presbyterian minister, preached the Baccalaureate sermon, and on June 1st the Commencement exer-

cises took place. The procession was a long and interesting one. Four American nurses from the Nanking Language School, Miss Hynds, the superintendent nurse of the Nanking Foreign Memorial Hospital, and four of our own elder graduates, with the three just graduating, made a line of twelve in white uniforms and caps, which was followed by nine pupil nurses in blue uniforms and white aprons. It was a very imposing sight, which placed the nursing profession where it ought to be, that is, a respected profession. The main speech was delivered by K. S. Lui, Ph.D. On the next day, the graduates had a reception on the lawn, for their relatives and friends and the Board of Management.

On July 5th Miss Butler, Miss Stanley and I left for Kuling. I enjoyed the rest and the cool weather and the beautiful scenery so much. It is fine, that there is a place like that for the tired and weary workers to rest and build up. While there I had the good fortune to hear Dr. Zwemer talk on Mohammedism. His talks were so uplifting. August 16th, Miss Stanley and I came back. Then Dr. Djang left for her vacation, coming back the first of October.

Our clinic during the past year was quite full, and during the warm summer months our daily average was seventy or eighty, and some days more; for the children had boils and abscesses and many other kinds of summer complaints.

Toward the latter part of October, our clinics gradually dropped off, and we wondered at the reason. Before long we were told that there was a "Dr. Devil" outside the South Gate healing all kinds of incurable diseases. The thing to do was

to sleep for one night in the open in that place, and the disease was cured. Thousands upon thousands flocked out to the place. May the Lord have mercy upon such ignorant and superstitious people.

In the number of difficult obstetrical cases our last year's record showed the highest. Toward Chinese New Year some days we had two or three bad cases. We were so thankful that the maternal mortality was zero. During the whole year there were about 100 cases and the in-patients numbered 357, with 9,897 clinic patients. Our private rooms were in demand most of the time, and on one or two occasions we actually did not have enough rooms for our well-to-do patients.

One of our new Christian nurses was received into the Church membership. Her husband died, when she was a bride of only a few months, and her mother-in-law treated her very unkindly, so that her own father had to take her away from her husband's people, and place her under the care of the Union Nurses' School. She is a young woman of quiet and patient nature, and although she does not talk much, the patients are impressed by her kind and gentle manner.

Here is a little girl who must have a plaster-of-paris cast put on two or three times a year, and whenever she comes, being the only daughter of a widow, her mother comes with her. Mrs. Chen has been so sad, because all her hopes and ambitions were for this only daughter of hers, and she now is an invalid. I often feared that should the little girl die, the mother would certainly lose her mind; but I am glad to say that she has found Christ, who can give real peace and

comfort. Mrs. Chen was taken into Church membership at the same time with the nurse. On the same Sunday our non-Christian assistant druggist was received as an inquirer. Sometime ago another Mrs. Chen became an inquirer; she is the second wife. Her husband is now dead, and she and the other wife did not live very happily together, for Mrs. Chen had a fiery temper; but ever since she became an inquirer, she is much better and kinder to the other Mrs. Chen, who is the legal wife. Let us pray for her, that she will let the Lord teach her how to control herself.

A few days ago a patient came to see me, and I hardly recognized her; but when she spoke I at once knew who she was. Three years ago she was operated upon, and had a large ovarian cyst removed. When I asked her about the doctrines she had heard while here, she said, "I often pray to God, to Jesus, to make me good, and to make me to understand this doctrine more. I never cease to thank Him because he saved my life three years ago." Pray for her, dear friends; there are many like her, who receive a little, while with us, then for years and years do not hear a word about the Gospel.

Our two faithful Bible women, Mrs. Tsu and Mrs. Tsai, still do the same work with the patients; talk to the clinic patients while they wait, and then teach the in-patients to read texts. We had a little girl here who had a tubercular ankle, who learned to read many chapters in the Bible and several Gospel stories. She was only twelve, but she seemed to understand so much. This year Mrs. Tsu spends a good deal of time visiting the old patients. Some of them welcome her and ask her to go again; but many of them are afraid of



Dr. Tsao in Nanking with Miss Ting, later her successor
in Tientsin

ridicule and persecution that they show her that she is not wanted.

May the Lord Jesus Christ greatly bless His work in the Nanking Friends' Hospital, and may He also pour His richest blessings upon those who make this work possible.

Yours in the hope of His coming,

Li Yuin Tsao.

Dr. Tsao continued her varied lines of service, taking active part also in the Evangelical Y. W. C. A., of Nanking, and maintained a regular correspondence with her American home, and with the dear young woman whom she sent over here for a college and medical education in the year 1914. The following clipping from a letter written by this student will make plainer than any other description, how large a part Dr. Tsao played in the development of her Christian life. We will hear more of this medical disciple later.

Dr. Ting's Letter

"As I promised you in my last letter, that I would tell you something of my first acquaintance of Dr. Tsao. I recall very clearly of my school days at McTyiere School. I was in the first grade and she then a high school student. We younger girls used to call her sister Li Yuin. She was popular among her playmates. I admired her even when I was a first grade student. She could play the piano, and was able to use the English fluently. She was beautiful, as well as talented, and my little mind was full of admiration for her. My admiration grew as I grew in age and experience. I was too young then to be her friend, but she had a friendly smile for me, as well as her other younger playmates in

school. Of one instance I remember clearly. We were having dinner at one table one evening. I told her that I was anxious to learn how to sing hymns. Before attending McTyiere I never heard a hymn sung. She told me that after a few months I would be able to use my voice correctly, and would be able to sing hymns as well as other older girls in school. She said that in a most friendly way, so that I was much encouraged to try next time. I do not remember much about her after she left McTyiere for Japan. I saw her once or twice during summer vacations.

I did not get to know Dr. Tsao until she returned from America. I was sick with typhoid at a hospital. It was Fall of 1912. Miss Tsao, her sister, accompanied her during this visit. She was then a young doctor, just fresh from America. She wore a simple white linen dress, and she looked so strong and healthy. She came to my sick room with her sister. Seeing such a well-poised doctor before me, I have forgotten all my ailments. I talked and asked her many questions. My youthful mind was just full of her that evening, and I unconsciously determined to study medicine, after her visit.

Right after her return, her mother, Mrs. Tsao, left her to be with the Lord. The latter was a sweet Christian woman, and had a good word for everybody. I was sick for eight weeks at the hospital. Dr. Tsao visited me again shortly after her mother's death. Fleshly speaking, it must have been hard for the doctor to have her dear mother go so shortly after her return. However, I noticed during her visit, she never said anything about her mother's going. She amused me the whole afternoon, and that visit did more good to me than medicine.

The same fall she took up a position at a Quaker hospital at Nanking. That decision of hers was more than a surprise to me. Dr. Tsao, with her talent, her training, and her magnetic personality, could put up a private practice at Shanghai easily. Instead, she took up a humble position at a hospital, and would be satisfied with a small salary. The latter was too small for a young doctor. She must have had her earthly ambition, only she answered the call of God instead of that of man. In the fall of 1913, she needed some one to help her nurses in English. Because of her personal example, I was willing to go to Nanking at a very small salary. During the summer of 1913, the doctor gave a talk to students at the Y. W. C. A. conference. In a most earnest and interesting talk, how she pleaded to the students to sacrifice themselves as living sacrifices to God. By this, she meant for us to serve God with our special training. When she offered me a small position at her hospital I was willing to go. My going meant that I had to leave Shanghai, and at the same time to accept a smaller salary. I was then a high school graduate and a few dollars' difference meant a great deal to me. However, because of the doctor, I was willing to give up what seemed to me then, a big sacrifice. During my happy year with her, I learned many valuable lessons of life. She was so sisterly to me that I was not ashamed to let her know my mistakes. Gently she led me to know more of our dear Father in Heaven. Sisterly, she told me of my weak points, although I loved the doctor as if she was my own sister. During my year at the hospital with her I noticed her skilfulness in her profession, her gentleness to her patients, her kindness to her friends, and

her thoughtfulness to her nurses. The combined personality won my admiration. Gradually I learned that her combined personality was a gift from God. She lived so close to Jesus that her actions spoke love. It was the same happy year that she introduced me to her dear friends in St. Louis, whose Christian home we both enjoyed during our long stay in America."

Dr. Tsao was one of a great people who do not share the unseemly hustle and bustle of our people of the United States. Their common expression in any enterprise is "man-mandy, man-mandy", which, interpreted, is "go slowly, go slowly," in marked contradiction to our over-worked phrase, "hurry up, hurry up!" She was not trained in hurried ways; but alas! neither the Chinese nor any other known people are by nature free from the blasting sin of worry; this is exclusively the work of God's grace in the regenerated heart. This gift of grace was accepted by our dear Dr. Tsao, among other rich provisions of His grace for the ease and joy of His own people.

She made her arrangements for the move to Tientsin, where greater responsibilities awaited her, with much waiting upon God, and was not left without His leading in choosing her nurses, her Bible women, and her assistants in professional work. In China it is customary for a physician who assumes the superintendency of a hospital, to choose and secure all the assistants needed for the work. Especial care was needed in this move, because the institution was to be rearranged in every department, so that it might be conducted to the praise of God. It was essential that the assistants should be of one mind and of one heart with the leader.

Dr. Tsao took time also to see many of the friends in Nanking who had become interested in God's Word, but had not yet come to a decision. These she loved to help to a clearer understanding of the truth, that the risen Lord might see of the travail of His soul, and be satisfied.

She was laden with many gifts, and wonderful silken scrolls with gold-embroidered Chinese characters, expressing gratitude, and invoking God's blessing and wishing well. When she really left the city, great crowds of all classes followed her to the station, and the Christians sang their sweet hymns for her at parting.

A Nanking paper stated in an editorial, that Dr. Tsao was so beloved, and was sharing in so many established Christian institutions, in soul betterment and in municipal undertakings for the people, that she would be missed more than any other ten women of that city. It was thought that no other ten women could have filled her place. Her own heart felt the wrench keenly, also, but she was sustained by the assurance that she was in God's will; and to be in His will was the great ambition of her life.

"O, Jesus Christ, Thou suff'ring Man of prayer,
Help me in prayer Thy sufferings to share,
That learning at Thy side, on bended knee,
The deep, sweet lesson of Gethsemane,
I may repeat with Thee—the vict'ry won—
'Not my will, Father, but Thy will be done!'"

H. W. F.

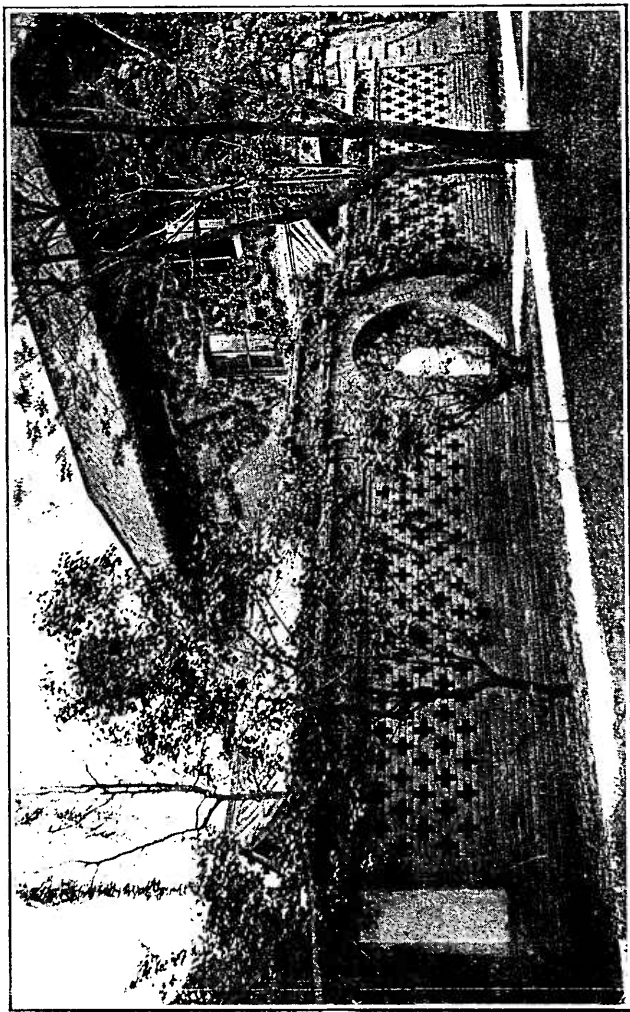
Chapter IV. Life in Tientsin

***“Strengthened with all might, according
to His glorious power, unto all patience
and long suffering with joyfulness.”***

Col. 1: 11.

Tientsin was not altogether new to her, for she had been called there to attend her very ill elder brother, a year or two previously. She had spent three weeks with him, leading him, who was a Christian, into deeper spiritual truths, which had so enriched her own life. She enjoyed very pleasant fellowship with him and his dear wife, until the Lord took him to be forever with Himself. This brother, F. K. Tsao, had been for some years in official life, and at the time of his death was an official in the most extensive railway system in China. Through him, Dr. Tsao had become acquainted with some of the good families of Tientsin, who helped to open the door of welcome more widely to her.

Dr. Tsao entered upon the arduous undertaking in Tientsin, upheld by an indomitable faith, well grounded in God's exceeding grace and precious promises, and upheld also by the effectual, fervent prayers of many of God's people in China and in the United States. She had taken with her from Nanking an assistant, who had enjoyed some medical training in China, two graduate nurses of her own training school, and two Bible women from the Friends' Mission, with which she had been associated for nearly five and one-half years, in Nanking.



One side of the Peiyang Woman's Hospital of Tientsin

Her financial compensation at the Peiyang Woman's Hospital was large for China, and about three times as large as the usual amount given to the foreign medical missionary in China. But she found that she was expected to so conduct the work, that all repairs and improvements should be earned through the hospital and associated work, in addition to caring for many hundreds of patients who would not be able to supply their own medicines. Naturally, also, she would expect to be financially responsible for her Christian Bible women.

The Peiyang Woman's Hospital had passed through many experiences, and its financial history had not been eminently satisfactory. The Board of Directors did not know much of the necessary equipment of the working hospital, and had made no provision for many expenses which were absolutely necessary for its continuance. Much thrift, and tact, and good judgment, and patience, were needed to make things go, and the superintendent's salary had to be stretched over a multitude of deficiencies.

But Dr. Tsao knew a higher source of power and of all resources, from which, in the secrecy of her own room, she drew supplies by the prayer of faith. God never failed her; "God is faithful." She had learned much of missionary economy during her experience in Nanking. Before she left the United States for China she had been delivered by this same wondrous source of power from the claims of a self-life, which usually exceeds all other demands made upon a worker. Therefore, she was able to meet the situation as it existed; and, as one by one, repairs were made, and new needs were met under her administration, her directors became more deeply interested

in the institution, and took a more active share in the improvements.

After systematizing her new work, in addition to the daily clinic of from 50 to 70 patients, and the regular hospital service, she found time to do some work in private homes. As her acquaintance increased, she easily won the confidence of the people, and came to be much sought after by the gentry, and by wealthy citizens, for her medical, surgical and obstetrical judgment and skill.

The fees received from private work, it was her privilege to use at her own discretion; the Board of Directors made no claim upon them. She took the opportunity to enlarge her usefulness, helping to educate girls who were willing to study, and ready to serve; supplying the needs of many of the poorer patients; making it possible for others to secure work for support; and always having time for personal conversation and counsel with those seeking for light, ready to serve her beloved Master in every possible way.

Dr. Tsao early associated herself with the Y. W. C. A. of Tientsin and was active in personal work with the girls and the women who formed the membership of the Association. She was elected President of the Board of Directors soon after her arrival in Tientsin, and held the office until her death. Her good judgment was much sought after by secretaries and Board members, because she lived near enough to her Lord to have the mind of Christ in solving problems. Many times she wrote to her American home of the joy of service, and of her heartache over those Christians for whom the world held so much charm, and who seemed to know nothing of the life of

separation unto Himself. She wrote so regretfully of the worldly habits brought back to China by Chinese students from the United States colleges, especially the too great familiarity between the sexes, immodest dressing, and promiscuous round dancing. The Chinese, who did not know that our United States is Christian in name only, could not understand the inconsistency between Christian doctrines and such practices. She had many earnest talks with returned students, who visited her in her professional capacity, and she pled with them and prayed with them, that inasmuch as many had professed Christ as their Saviour, they would also yield their lives to His complete control as their Lord. As in the experience of many another witness of the risen Lord, some nearkened and entered a life of "peace and joy in believing"; others refused full loyalty to the One who "Himself bore their sins in His own body on the tree," and failed to have the witness of the Holy Spirit, that they were "sons of God".

As in Nanking, so in Tientsin, Dr. Tsao constrained by the love of Christ, was always on the alert to minister to the soul in need. Her staff of workers in the hospital would not have passed the rigid test of the examining committee of the American College of Surgeons, but they were the best she could secure at the time, and she gave time and thought to help each one in her special need, seeking to help them grow in knowledge, instructing them in better methods, encouraging every effort made, and reminding them of the God-man, Christ Jesus, "in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

The hospital enlarged its patronage, added to its equipment, and increased its usefulness from year to year; but far above all this, it be-

came the center of light, of love, and of spiritual power in the great city of Tientsin. We will not know in this life how many members have been added to the body of Christ through the testimony from that bright spot.

During the year 1921, a great famine visited northern China, and money was sent from our own and from other countries in large amounts, for the saving of lives in that region; but it did not meet the needs. It has long been the custom among the desperately poor families of China, when all other sources of revenue fail, to sell the little girls for means of subsistence. Most of these girls are sold into lives of shame, and can in no other way than suicide help themselves out of it. Such a company of girls was brought through Tientsin, on the way south to a good market for them. Dr. Tsao heard of it, and, after quiet counsel with her unfailing Friend, secured these children, thirty in number. She rented a home for them, and undertook their support as well as the professional and motherly care of their poor starved and sick little bodies. Although friends helped in financing the home, the care added greatly to her daily program of actual service, and made large demands upon her sympathy, and contributed to the strain which was a factor in the Bright's Disease and high blood pressure which was discovered a year later. But no thought of her own body disturbed Dr. Tsao through the long happy months. The hospital duties were never shirked; clinic patients had her full share of time, and skill, and personal interest; and in-patients, medical, surgical and obstetrical, were treated with painstaking skill, and with every possible provision for their comfort and improvement which the hospital could afford.

Dr. Tsao wrote to her American home of the medical advice given her, which was to take a complete rest; but she had no one to assume her duties, and she could not lay them down at that time, with a good conscience. She wrote to her young friend, Dr. Ting, whom she had sent over to the United States for her medical education, hoping that she might have secured enough hospital experience by that time to return to China, and to take on part of the work in the Peiyang Hospital. But, hearing later, that Dr. Ting had secured an internship in New York which afforded her unusual advantages, she wrote the most sisterly letter to her, urging her to get all the experience she could out of it, and not to be concerned about Dr. Tsao. She would trust in the Lord to send help, as He saw to be most necessary.

Dr. Tsao's Letter to Dr. Ting

Tientsin, China, Dec. 8, 1920.

Dear Dr. Ting:

I am hastening to answer your letter because I realize that it sometimes takes months to make plans and to carry them out. Be at ease, please, I will not hold you to your promise. I wished I had stayed longer in the U. S. A. after my graduation, but I should return, so I had no choice. After one is settled down in one's place, especially for a doctor, it is most difficult to leave. So, my dear Doctor, stay; by all means stay, if you have fine opportunities to do post-graduate work, whether in hospital or in college. By your coming to me next October or November, and my staying with you for six months, I could leave before June, 1922, and that is the time I can leave anyway, whether or not I have any one to take

my place, for then my contract is up. The Lord Jesus may come before that time.

So there, make your plans ahead, prepare yourself well, and when you come home we will be so happy to welcome you. I am not that selfish to hold you to your promise when you have such fine chances to better yourself. May God guide you and be with you.

With much love,

Yours as ever,

Li Yuin Tsao.

Dr. Tsao secured some help in China, and saved herself as much as she could, without impairing the best interest of the work she had undertaken.

Meanwhile, Dr. Ting had arranged to shorten her two years of post-graduate work to one and one-half years, so that she might reach Tientsin in the early summer of 1922, and release Dr. Tsao for a year or more for rest and recuperation in her American home.

1921-1922 was a year which made large demands upon the sympathies and strength of all true Christians of northern China. The famine had left in its wake much poverty and sickness, and in Tientsin one came into daily contact with the sufferers, who crowded into the city for possible help. Being one into whose heart the love of God had been richly shed by the Holy Spirit, Dr. Tsao longed to share with these poor hungry souls not only her temporal possessions, but also her knowledge of the richness of God's grace in Christ Jesus.

After feeding and medically relieving the thirty orphans under her care, she had a teacher

provided for them, undertaking to fit them for useful Christian lives. It was always in her heart also to win the wives of the officials and of the gentry, and the men of large business, that they might be led to accept her Saviour, and to enter into the joy of sharing with Him and ministering among the poor and ignorant and helpless. Dr. Tsao's invalid sister was with her also, paralyzed, and steadily failing in strength, a very great sorrow to her loving heart.

It is marvelous how much she accomplished during that year, 1921-1922, and her letters were full of others, of the advance in work, of the souls coming into the true light, and being added to the body of Christ. The hospital work went on as usual, and the clinic was sometimes very large; there were serious obstetrical cases, requiring the utmost skill; and there were difficult surgical cases, demanding full use of all one's faculties in diagnosis, as well as in operation and in after care. The dear famine girls became normal, happy children, and gave her much joy.

Then came the summer, and Dr. Tsao was full of delight in the anticipation of the coming of her beloved young friend, Dr. Ting, who would bring her young strength, and fresh knowledge of so many new ways and means in the care of the sick, and in hospital equipment and management. She planned to have quiet, heart-to-heart talks with her, to acquaint her with her own policies and methods, and to help her to introduce any helpful innovations she might suggest. She wanted Dr. Ting to meet her good friends in Tientsin, to know her private patients in their homes, to secure the confidence and cooperation of the Peiyang Hospital Board of Directors. She almost forgot her own physical limitations in the

joy of planning for her coming; in house-cleaning and repairing, and in final training of all assistants and nurses to do their very best for the new doctor.

Dr. Ting reached Tientsin in June, and at once appreciated the fact that Dr. Tsao was a really sick woman, and must be saved from every possible care and expenditure of strength. Of course, they had a few quiet talks together; but so many interruptions came to cut them short, and there was so much to do in passing over the leadership from the elder, experienced, and well-known doctor, to the young, inexperienced, and unknown successor, that their personal interviews alone were quite inadequate.

Dr. Tsao was urged to arrange for a year in the United States at the earliest possible date, and did make reservations on a steamer to sail for San Francisco on October 7th, but subject to change should her elder sister's condition require postponement. The elder sister had, during the last year, a serious brain lesion, which greatly impaired her mental processes. She was not often conscious of her surroundings, failed to recognize family and friends most of the time, and therefore would not realize her sister's absence. But the young sister found it hard to leave her so, and only through the assurance of her competent medical advisor, that her own tenure of life depended upon her taking a long rest away from all home cares and duties, could she consent to arrange for leaving.

The Heavenly Father was most gracious in calling the beloved dear sister to Himself on July 24th, and this settled the question for Dr. Tsao quite definitely. Dr. Tsao wrote on the fly leaf of her Bible on that day, "Our Father makes no

mistakes". After laying away the precious body, she gave herself to final preparation for a visit to the United States, hoping for restored health, and for a happy return to her native land for more efficient service in the high calling, to which she had been chosen.

Her last letter to her home people in America is subjoined, showing her full self-control, her heart rest in the Lord's wise leading and tender dealings with His own.

Tientsin, China, July 29, 1922.

My dear Home Folks:

I have been wondering whether you are away or in St. Louis. The Summer has been unusually warm here this year that there is much suffering and sickness from the heat. I do thank the Lord that He made it possible for Dr. Ting to come to help me out just before the heat.

My sister went down to Shanghai year before last, but last November she came up to my place again. She has been feeling about the same all along, but during the very warm days she lost her appetite. About ten days ago, at midnight, she suddenly had an attack of dyspnea, and then had successive attacks at one day or half-day intervals.

On July 24th, at 2:45 P. M., the good Lord took her away to Himself. The Lord heard her prayers because she suffered, and has been patient and submissive.

It has been hard for me to decide whether I should come to America or not, but the Lord evidently willed that I should come, and He Himself has taken my beloved sister into His own

safe-keeping. The Lord's ways are not our ways, He makes no mistakes.

So now I have decided to leave Shanghai on October 7th, by the S. S. President Wilson, which gets to San Francisco on the 26th. In San Francisco I will telegraph you of the time of my arrival.

Dr. Ting now is doing all my medical work, and I am finishing up some family affairs.

Hoping to see you both so soon, with best love,

Your Chinese Daughter,

Li Yuin Tsao.

She had long looked forward to this year in the United States with her beloved friends, and had many plans for increasing her professional efficiency with post-graduate work, and for enjoying opportunities afforded for deeper study of God's Word, under Spirit-filled teachers of the Bible. But now she was simply taking the next step revealed to her, as His leading, and was leaving all future plans in His keeping, with no conditions or reservations.

Just two weeks after Dr. Tsao's last letter was penned, she suddenly became delirious after three days of severe headache, rapidly fell into unconsciousness, and after three nights and three days of unconscious restlessness, she fell asleep in Jesus. "She was not, for God took her." She had "fought a good fight", she had "finished her course," she had "kept the faith", and "henceforth there is laid up (for her) a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give her at that day; and not to her only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." She had loved His appearing, and the blessed

Hope filled her with joy. And we can be very sure, that there was no disappointment when she suddenly opened her eyes in the presence of His Glory, and received His glad welcome, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Her eldest brother had been summoned from Shanghai, and was with her at the end. When about a year before she had been warned by a competent medical man in Peking, of threatened danger, which might come suddenly, she wrote her brother, S. K. Tsao, as follows:

"As the doctor told me, that I might die suddenly from an internal hemorrhage, I wish to leave this letter in the form of a will, very informal indeed. I have very little to my name, and whatever is left me, please distribute the articles to the persons named in the list. Good bye, but we will meet in Heaven, in the presence of our beloved Saviour, and we will never part again. Live near to Him and love Him as He has loved us. God bless you all. Be good to sister, she has done much for us, when we were young."

One who habitually lives in close fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ, recognizing one's organic union with Him, as a member of the body, of which He is the living head, such a one needs no special preparation for entering into His personal presence. We are told in His Word, which cannot be broken, that the same Jesus, "who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness", is also "able to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy." With such an assurance, life becomes care free and joyful, is filled with overflow-

ing testimony to His abounding grace under any circumstances; without it, there can be no real peace of heart under brightest circumstances.

Dr. Tsao's life was "hid with Christ in God", and when her Father called her home, she quietly passed from His indwelling presence here on earth, into the glory of His personal presence there, with eyes all love-lit, as He welcomed into His Father's House, His own.

We do not always see much of the fruit of one's labors soon after the worker is taken home. But in Dr. Tsao's case we have much blessed testimony concerning the impress of her yielded life upon many other lives.

Dr. Me Iung Ting, who was led by Dr. Tsao into her great ambition to serve her Lord through medical and spiritual ministry to her own people, wrote to her American family on the day following her death. She recalled that "on the same day, August 14th, eight years before, Dr. Tsao had taken me out to the steamer which would carry me to America. Dr. Tsao had a long sisterly talk with me. Now I see that God planned for me to carry on her work. Recently she had another talk with me. Now I see that God had sent her to come and talk to me. I loved Dr. Tsao as much as I loved my own brother. This is all too much for me. But I remember a verse, "My grace is sufficient for thee." I now begin to see His will for me. God plans everything, and we must learn to submit ourselves to His will. It was the 14th of August, 1914, that I sailed for my long journey. No one would ever suspect that the doctor would leave for her heavenly journey eight years afterward on the same day. It has been too sad an experience for me. However,



Dr. Tsao in the last year of her earthly
pilgrimage

I am learning to say that "God makes no mistakes." During my eight years' absence we became better friends every day. During my college days I had only one desire, that was to become a trained woman like my friend. I never can forget our talk together one night before I left for America. To live a life of Christ was her theme. Whatever my friend said to me, I listened, because she lived such a Christ-like life herself.

During my long stay in America Dr. Tsao wrote me regularly. Her letters were full of happy news. She was happy in her work. Little I realized that we could be together only two months after so long a separation. It was a happy day, when we saw each other again on June 10, 1922. We did not say much for we were too happy. Sad things have happened to her since her return. First, her beloved mother left, then her brother, lastly her sister has been sick for the last five years. My friend looked thinner to me. She had the same kind, smiling face, only older in appearance.

On the 24th of July her sister, Miss Tsao, left. This happened while the doctor was away. When the sad news was told, she went to her sister's bed with her usual poise. That night she wrote in her Bible, "God makes no mistakes". Fleshly speaking, it was a sad event for her, but she went about with her usual smile. I never dreamed that three weeks afterward our beloved doctor would leave us.

Now our beloved doctor has left us. Her spirit lives with us forever. Things are going on as if she were here. God has taken her away. We believe He will give us the strength to carry

on this work. Through our work we reach at least twenty thousand women and children each year. Oh! dear friends, you do not know how much I miss my friend and sister. There is my flesh side. One often feels hungry for human sympathy. I do not mind work, but I do not know how to deal with people.

Yours lovingly,

M. I. Ting."

Another dear Chinese girl first knew Dr. Tsao at Ginling College, Nanking, being in her classes in physiology and hygiene. Her heart was much drawn to her and she sought personal talks with her. Her faith was strengthened, and as she saw more of the large way in which God was using Dr. Tsao for His Glory in Nanking, she determined that she would follow in her footsteps. She is now in the United States in one of the best medical colleges, having thorough preparation for the work.

Dr. Tsao graduated twenty-two nurses in Nanking, and in not one case did she fail to impress God's claim upon her life. One cannot measure with human standards the work done among hundreds, even thousands, of patients cared for during the ten years of her actual service in China.

The following letter was sent by the Board of the Bible Teachers' Training School in Nanking:

The Board of the Bible Teachers' Training School of Nanking wish to express to the relatives and friends of the late Dr. Li Yuin Tsao, their deep sympathy in their sorrow. The life and work of this devoted Christian and effi-

cient physician, will long be remembered by us and the people of Nanking, to whom, through God, she was made a great blessing. We miss her wise counsel, and the spirit of her love and patience, which she so beautifully manifested among us. In her death, we as a Board, feel we have met with a personal loss, and pray that others may be raised up to labour for the Master's Kingdom as she has done.

Margaret A. Holme.

Ella C. Shaw.

Mrs. Z. N. Tsiang.

Christiana Tsai.

Committee on Resolution.

A letter of appreciation was received from Dr. Clara Marshall, dean of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, who always took deep personal interest in her students.

"It gives me great pleasure to record my impressions of Dr. Tsao, while a student of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania.

Handsome, dignified, able, always courteous, Dr. Tsao's personality made a distinct and agreeable impression upon her associates. She had besides, what might be described as *poise*, which made her judgments sane and her attitude in general so satisfying both to her instructors and to her class mates.

Taking active share in all college activities, Dr. Tsao displayed the qualities of leadership. Her mental, moral and spiritual attitude toward life, combined with the attributes already mentioned, aroused the most sanguine expectations in regard to her future career, which was to be so short yet so fruitful in beneficent results.

The loss to her family, her friends, to the medical profession, and to her country, is great. While there is deep sorrow for her earthly death, her *life* has brought pride and gladness to all who are interested in the advancement of women in medicine and in the cause of Medical Women in the Mission Field.

Very truly,

Dr. Clara Marshall."

Dr. Bertha Van Hoosen, who was chief-of-staff at the Mary Thompson Hospital for Women and Children, in which Dr. Tsao served as intern for a year, 1911-1912, writes as follows:

"Dr. Tsao was the first Chinese woman that I had ever known. I boldly promised to have an internship for her in the Mary Thompson Hospital, where I was at that time taking all of my work. The staff of the hospital were ready to appoint her, when they saw how much I wanted it. Then came a number of months before she was ready to come, and I had plenty of time for my ardor to become cooled. I got so that I actually dreaded her coming, because of her nationality, and of the probable prejudice against her. But, like a fog before a blaze of sunshine, all my fears were scattered by her very presence. Literally she came, was seen, and conquered. In less than twenty-four hours her position was fixed, and it was to be the favorite intern among the patients, the interns, and the staff members. A little happening in the children's ward, is a good illustration of how every one who came into contact with her felt towards her. A small boy was brought to the hospital, that his tonsils might

be removed. He was given nasty medicine, choked to sleep with an anaesthetic, and woke with the worst sore throat that he had ever had. He resented these insults with manly vigor and kicks, scratched and screamed till he was exhausted. When his auntie came the day following the operation he sobbed out, "Take me home! Take me home! I hate everybody here, I hate the nurses, I hate the doctors, I hate everybody except the Chinaman, and (here his voice softened), I love the Chinaman." She was voluntarily entertained by our best patients in their beautiful homes, and every one who came in contact with her felt that she had enriched their lives. She opened the way for other women of her race who were not so fortunate in personality, but who had her example before them, and worked hard that her standards should not be lowered. Many Chinese women have had medical work in Chicago since then, but no one has in any way detracted from the glorious memory of Li Yuin Tsao. When I visited Dr. Ting in Tientsin in the summer of 1923, the first thing that met my eyes as I entered the old Chinese home that she uses as a hospital, was the picture of Dr. Tsao on the wall opposite the entrance. In those few days that I spent with Dr. Ting, I sat often and gazed at that picture, and felt the fullness of life that can be attained in a few years, if the soul is tuned to the work of the Master. I was able to do some work while in China, and have been fortunate in finding ways to reach a helpful hand to her since I have returned, but—I wonder—if in the great book of deeds all that I have done or can do is not put down to the credit of Li Yuin Tsao.

I am thankful for the opportunity of stop-

ping long enough these busy days to commune with so big a spirit.

Yours ever,

Bertha Van Hoosen."

Dr. Edward W. Saunders, for thirty-five years President and chief-of-staff of Bethesda Hospital, knew Dr. Tsao during her brief service in that hospital as substitute resident physician, in the Summer of 1912. He writes as follows:

During the Summer of A. D. 1912, Dr. Li Yuin Tsao held the position of house physician in the Bethesda Hospital, St. Louis, and never can we forget her services here. Her efficiency, her readiness, her Christian zeal, her unfailing devotion to duty, are an abiding treasure in the lives of all who were associated with her; and many of the patients there will rise up in that day of rewards, and call her blessed.

She was a "living epistle, known and read of all men", from our Father to His suffering children. The unifying power of the grace of Christ, bringing the occident and the orient together, and making them one in Christ Jesus, was beautifully exemplified in her.

"She has fought the good fight", "She rests from her labors", "henceforth there is laid up for her a crown".

We who are yet in the hot battle plains of earth, are encouraged by her example to fight on, and to thank God for Dr. Li Yuin Tsao, the Christian Physician, from the Land of Sinim.

Edward W. Saunders, M.D.,
President, Bethesda Board.

In contemplating the loveliness of this life lived out for God, one is led to think of her likeness to Mary of Bethany, who, when we first hear of her, "She sat at Jesus' feet and heard His 'Word,' and was commended by Him as having chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

Then we read of how Jesus oft returned to the home in Bethany for fellowship, and was so gladly ministered to by the two sisters and their brother. We read how in time of trouble, Lazarus' illness, they sent for Jesus; and, further, how He led them into the glorious Resurrection truth, raising their dead, and revealing Himself as "the Resurrection" and "the Life". Last, we read of Mary entering the banquet hall (where her brother Lazarus, raised from the dead, is sitting in fellowship with Jesus at the festal board, and Martha is lovingly serving the table), and bringing "an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard, very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on His head." "And Jesus said, Let her alone. She hath wrought a good work on me." "She hath done what she could. Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her."

It would seem pleasing to our Lord that a memorial of the sacrificial service of Dr. Li Yuin Tsao should be written and read by others, who may be led by the same Holy Spirit, who indwelt and so enriched her yielded life, "to yield themselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and their members as instruments of righteousness unto God." Dr. Tsao was one of those who are "Called and Chosen and Faithful".

May it please Him to raise up many such members of His body in China for the bringing in of the other sheep, who must be brought into the fold, that His body may be soon completed, and that the Lord may come to meet His beloved in the air, to take them up with Himself to the prepared place.

“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”

“He and I, in that bright glory,
One great joy shall share—
Mine, to be forever with Him,
His, that I am there.”

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